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Conservative rebellions could lead to party's 'self-destruction'

Heseltine challenges Tory right

BY NICHOLAS WOOD AND RICHARD FORD

■ Rebellious backbenchers are in danger of consigning the Tory party to opposition, Michael Heseltine said on his return to the political spotlight

MICHAEL Heseltine bounced back into the political arena yesterday to warn Conservative rightwingers that, even with the triumph of the Blackpool conference behind them, they cannot expect to dominate the party unchecked.

The President of the Board of Trade denied the very existence of Thatcherism and even hinted that he still entertained hopes of leading his party. But he emphasised the need for party unity, warning of the dire consequences of continued infighting.

In his first interview since his heart attack four months ago, Mr Heseltine insisted that he was on the road to a full physical and political recovery and that he intended to be a force to be reckoned with for years to come.

While indicating that he has not abandoned his hopes of one day leading his party, he rallied strongly to Mr Major's side, reinforcing the prime minister's conference warning about the dangers of disunity. Drawing a parallel with the upheavals that wracked Labour in the early 1980s and consigned it to a decade of opposition with the formation of the breakaway SDP, Mr Heseltine said that the Tories risked self-destruction if rebellion became a way of life.

Rightwingers hit back with a warning to Mr Major to "call off the pack" in next month's elections to the 1922 executive and the backbench Tory committees. The right fears that some of its luminaries, notably the 92 Group chairman Sir George Gardiner, have been quietly targeted by the prime minister and his associates.

One leading figure said that if Mr Major was genuine in wanting party unity, he would urge loyalists to abandon plans to try to purge rightwingers from the executive. "The way to get disunity is to sack people from the 1922 and deprive them of their committees," the MP said.

Michael Howard, one of the cabinet rightwingers who returned from Blackpool in triumph, also emphasised the need for unity when he appeared on London Weekend Television's *Walden* programme yesterday. The party was uniting around commonsense values first espoused by Baroness Thatcher, he said. "John Major articulated them, Margaret Thatcher has supported them. The whole party can unite around them."

While Mr Howard drew back for claiming victory for the right, he did say that it was making headway. "What we did at Blackpool was to give voice to those values with perhaps a new emphasis, to show how those values are going to inform our policies."

With Douglas Hurd signalling that he will resist a lurch to the right, Mr Heseltine launched his political comeback with a fierce attack on habitual Tory rebels. "Every party is a coalition. The only basis upon which you can lead a party of that sort is to find a pivot around which you can coalesce," he said on BBC television.

"If you get to the stage when the left or the right of the party feel that they have got such power that they can pull the whole thing their way, the danger is that the bits at the other end will snap. That is the disunity and danger which absolutely devastated the Labour party when the left did exactly that and the moderate centre (the SDP) snapped off.

"For the Conservative party, which is in essence a party of power, huge historic perspective, ever to get into a position where it is perceived to be struggling to the point of self-destruction would have its political consequences and they would be dire."

Mr Heseltine condemned what he called the "College Green psychology", the headlong dash by dissident backbenchers for the lawns outside the Commons and the quick quote for the television news. Such behaviour, almost as a matter of routine, could not be in the party's interests.

One of the most ardent pro-Europeans in the cabinet, he also pointed out that nearly two-thirds of the country's trade was with the Continent. An anti-European stance would be costly. "If we create a psychology in this country where the men and women who earn the crust on which we dependare switched off to the significance of Europe, there is only one people that will suffer and that is us."

Mr Heseltine also disagreed with Lady Thatcher and Sir Norman Fowler over changing the rules that permit an annual leadership challenge to a sitting prime minister. Mr Heseltine, who used the earlier version of the rules to challenge Lady Thatcher in 1990, said: "It is perfectly reasonable that the parliamentary party should have these powers because they would only use them seriously in extreme circumstances.

"Nor do I think you should try to cosset the position of the leader of the party in the extreme circumstance." The alternative was the "men in grey suits", the right-dominated 1922 executive, which was arbitrary and could concentrate power in the hands of a small and perhaps unrepresentative group.



JULIAN HERBERT

Michael Heseltine making his return to public life with a television interview filmed at a Banbury hotel. He said he still had leadership ambitions

Thatcher's memoirs get bitter response

BY NICHOLAS WOOD CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Tory pantheon of the past decade dissolved into bitter recrimination yesterday as former senior ministers angrily rejected Baroness Thatcher's claims that they were guilty of malice and folly.

While the serialisation in *The Sunday Times* of the first extract of *The Downing Street Years* added little to last week's leaks about John Major, it provoked a fierce counter-offensive from Lord Howe and Lord Lawson, her chief lieutenants during her 11½ years in power.

Lord Howe denied her allegation that his resignation speech was motivated by "bile and treachery", saying his only sin over 18 years at her side was to dare to disagree with her. By autumn 1990, her political judgment had deserted her and she lost the loyalty of half the parliamentary party.

It was "sad" that she was undermining her reputation by searching for scapegoats. Her memoirs were littered with errors of fact and judgment, which he would seek to correct. Lord Lawson denied her charge of "folly" and said it was a "cock-and-bull story" to suggest that.

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America considers Somalia peace deal

FROM SAM KILEY IN MOGADISHU

AS A ceasefire took hold in Mogadishu yesterday, there were reports that the US was hoping to negotiate a deal with General Muhammad Farrah Aidid, the Somali warlord. Thousands of his supporters took to the streets to celebrate.

Warren Christopher, Secretary of State, conceded on television that, although the hunt for General Aidid had been a "sound response" to the June killing of 24 Pakistani UN peacekeepers, American policy on Somalia had "got out of balance". He added: "I think we are all responsible for that, right up to and including the president."

A Time/CNN poll said that nine in ten Americans want the US to withdraw and only one in four support the president in sending more troops. Senator Robert Dole urged Mr Clinton to "lift the ransom" and Senator Sam Nunn said trying to capture a warlord in the town he controlled was "like going after Brer Rabbit in the briar patch".

American officials said that Robert Oakley, the special American envoy who arrived in Mogadishu yesterday, could ask the United Nations force to cease its hunt for General Aidid in return for peace and an enquiry into the ambush in June.

Admiral Jonathan Howe, head of the UN Somali operation, said, however, that he wanted legal accountability, with the general tried for his alleged part in the killing of UN troops in Mogadishu. He insisted that the search would continue despite the deaths of 70 UN soldiers and about 700 Somalis since June.

President Clinton denied that the US had offered a ceasefire. There had been no direct negotiations, he said, on peace or on the fate of the captured US serviceman, Michael Durant.

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record buyers and the legal battles between artists and record companies.

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Greek Left poised for victory

BY AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE

ANDREAS Papandreou, the veteran socialist leader, last night looked likely to end nearly four years of conservative rule in Greece.

Mr Papandreou's Pasok party was poised for victory in the parliamentary elections, according to a television report based on projections by a *French polling group.*

"Today the people are putting an end to a nightmare," Mr Papandreou, 74, said after casting his ballot.

Pierre Giacometti, of the BVA French polling institute, said: "The strong trend in favour of Pasok cannot be reversed." The governing New Democracy Party had trailed Pasok by around six points in polls. During the campaign, the conservative prime minister, Constantine Mitsotakis, and Mr Papandreou had exchanged personal accusations.

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Gorbachev dreams of return to power

BY MICHAEL BINYON, DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

LIKE a former prime minister louring over a party conference, Mikhail Gorbachev yesterday did his best to damn his successor and suggested that he might now attempt a return to power to "rescue" Russia.

He said the level of violence used against President Yeltsin's parliamentary opponents was "absolutely unacceptable" and was more like revenge. He called on Mr Yeltsin to apologise but instead he heard only euphoria from the Kremlin. And he insisted there was no time to organise new elections by December.

In a satellite interview on the BBC's *Breakfast with Frost* programme, he said he would soon decide whether to stand in the presidential election. And in a separate interview published in Moscow he said: "A week ago I was saying, I don't know what can force Gorbachev to come back. After October 3-4, we are all living in another country."

He told *Komsomolskaya Pravda*: "It's difficult to make a decision. But still, if the situation in Russia urges me to give up everything and to start dealing with Russian affairs, to rescue, to save the country, I will do that."

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Russian sailors convert ship into floating currency

BY ALAN HAMILTON

WHEN the Russian training ship Gangut tied up in Dartmouth, south Devon, last week, its crew poured ashore with one object in view: they had come to sell the Russian navy, or at least those bits of it not firmly screwed down.

They set up shop in the streets and pubs, hawking their wares with the enthusiasm of true capitalists. First they sold their cap badges, then their belts, followed by their uniforms. They sold ornaments and trinkets from home. Some of the stock was their own but most of it was the property of the defence ministry in Moscow.

Former Soviet military uniforms, if not the Russian ones now current, may be bought on every street corner in eastern Europe, but it is rare for the supplier to come to market rather than merely lie in wait for the tourists.

The friendly and welcoming Devonians were apparently ready to pay well over the true market price for the souvenirs brought to their doorstep. For the Russians, their pockets now bulging with real money from selling, moved on to buying. They headed for the electrical shops and stripped their shelves of music centres, casettes, compact discs, radios and even microwave cookers. The music department of Woolworths was a particular target – another store was stripped bare and had to call for fresh stocks.

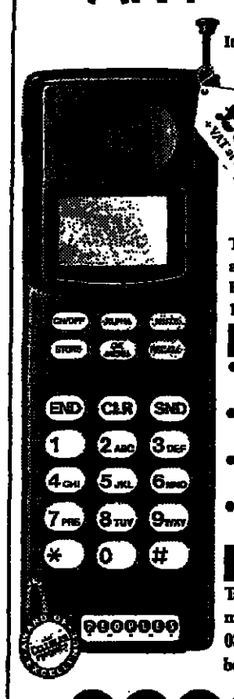
Devonians certainly took a lenient view of their visitors, buying them drinks in pubs and laying on buffets for them. Some traders were even prepared to take items of naval uniform in direct barter.

One local who bought a cap from a sailor said: "The Russian lads were amazing. They turned the town into one huge market. Literally everything they had which was not nailed down seemed to be on sale. When they had emptied the shops here they went across to Torbay to buy more."

They also bought food and at one stage were queuing 20 deep in a fruit shop, where a customer reported seeing two sailors trying to eat one banana, presumed to be a novelty as it still had its skin on. But the visitors impressed with their manners. "They were very well behaved; they even stood up when a lady entered the room," Mrs Janet Hill, owner of the Cherub Inn in the town said.

Yesterday the Gangut set sail for home, a little lower in the water with its weight of booty which will be sold in turn in the streets and bars of Russia for very many times the Woolworths' price. The crew will be praying that the Russian defence ministry takes a lenient view of its

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'I am fine to carry the responsibilities and strains of a cabinet job'

Heseltine still has leadership hopes

BY NICHOLAS WOOD
CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

■ The President of the Board of Trade, given a clean bill of health by his doctors, says he will be back at his desk, "taking things steadily", on Wednesday

MICHAEL Heseltine made it clear yesterday that he still sees himself as a potential contender in any future Tory leadership contest, despite his heart attack four months ago.

Giving his first interview since being taken ill while on holiday in Venice, the President of the Board of Trade said that he would be back at his desk on Wednesday.

He said doctors had told him he had "the arteries of a man of 30 or 40" and that medically he was completely fit. But because he was still recovering, he would have to ease his way back into the saddle.

Looking relaxed, joking about his misfortune, and seeking to rise above some of the vicious intrigue during his enforced absence from the cabinet table, Mr Heseltine said he had not lost his taste for politics. One of his first thoughts while lying in a hospital bed in Venice had been to jot down some notes for a party conference speech he was eventually advised not to make.

Pressed on whether he would be prepared to stand if John Major stepped down, Mr Heseltine said: "You can give every sort of evasive answer to these questions and they are all lies.

"They may sound nice and deceive people, but the truth is that any politician that I know and respect, when it comes to the crunch, if they think they have the chance of preferment, and obviously ultimate preferment, take it. Some of them do it sheepishly, with reluctance, but they always do it."

However, Mr Heseltine said that he did not expect a vacancy. "My belief is that John Major will win the next election. I am a loyal member of John Major's cabinet. I intend to go on as long as he wants me."

Mr Heseltine added that he would be guided in coming to a final decision about whether to enter a possible leadership race. "What I always said is you cannot do what your friends will never let you do. That is the real test."

If friends did not positively say "you are the guy who could do this" one was wasting one's time. But all the talk of leadership challenges was "for the birds", he said.

In an interview with John Humphrys on BBC television, Mr Heseltine said the reason he had looked a "tottering wreck" as he hobbled to the helicopter that helped bring him home from Italy was that he had been suffering from gout as a side-effect of the treatment for his cardiac condition.

"I am fine to carry the responsibilities and strains of a cabinet job, but you have to take it a step at a time. It takes time to recover from the shock.

"I will go back next Wednesday to my department and will take it steadily to start with. But I dare say there will come a time when you won't notice much difference."

Mr Heseltine said that the pain of his attack had not been acute and that he had not been in fear of death. "One knew something was wrong. I was not frightened. I said to Anne: 'You had better get a doctor.'"

Asked about his consistently high ratings in polls about possible Tory leaders, Mr Heseltine put his appeal down to a combination of a capacity for causing trouble and the fact he had long hair, was tall and had been around a long time.

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ERM was rock which split the cabinet, says Thatcher

■ Lady Thatcher's memoirs show she was fighting an increasingly lonely battle against the European exchange-rate mechanism

BY NICHOLAS WOOD, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

MARGARET Thatcher's professional and personal relationships with Nigel Lawson and Geoffrey Howe foundered on the rock of a five-year cabinet battle over British membership of the European exchange-rate mechanism.

The currency grid was also the source of her initial doubts about John Major's qualities as a potential leader.

Her memoirs, *The Downing Street Years*, portray her as fighting an increasingly lonely battle, in which the late Nicholas Ridley was her only staunch ally, against her senior colleagues to stand apart from the ERM. Her reluctant decision to join in October 1990, at the prompting of Mr Major, her Chancellor, was a mark of her growing political weakness. A few weeks later, she was gone.

But although the struggle with Mr Lawson, Sir Geoffrey Howe and Mr Major dominates the first instalment of the serialisation of her memoirs in *The Sunday Times*, other ministers get generally unflattering walk-on parts. William Waldegrave was "slim, cerebral and aloof, a sort of Norman St John-Stevas without jokes".

Kenneth Clarke was "not someone on my wing of the party, but an energetic and persuasive bruiser, very useful in a brawl or an election".

John MacGregor's "limitations as a public spokesman were costing us dear in an area of great importance" when he was education secretary in 1990.

Baroness Thatcher also discloses that she sought to bring back Norman Tebbit as education secretary after Lord Howe's resignation. "Norman shared my views on Europe — as on so much else. He was tough, articulate and trustworthy." But after his wife's horrific injuries in the 1984 Brighton bombing, he could not be persuaded to abandon his "duty" of looking after her.

Another revelation is the extent to which Mr Major, as Chancellor, repeatedly pressed her to join the ERM. She describes him as a "modest man" attracted by the politics of compromise. There was an "indiarubber" feel to his approach to monetary union and "intellectually he was drifting with the tide".

Lord Howe of Aberavon, Chancellor, foreign secretary and then Commons leader in the period 1979-90, is the target of Lady Thatcher's greatest scorn. While she presents differences with Lord Lawson as essentially over policy, she makes it clear that with Lord Howe, the breach was a personal one.

Shortly before Lord Howe's resignation, the act that precipitated her fall, she had despaired of him. "By this time the gap between us, unlike the rows I had with Nigel Lawson, was as much a matter of personal antipathy as of policy difference."

Lady Thatcher traces the breach with the two men, who sustained her governments for so long, to early 1985, when a soaring dollar persuaded Lord Lawson of the merits of joining the ERM and Lord Howe became a convert to the "Foreign Office's enthusiasm" for the currency grid.

"In the cabinet, I was in a very small minority. Most of my colleagues were not overinterested in the ERM issue. But Nigel and Geoffrey, by contrast, were fervent." By late 1987, unbeknown to Lady Thatcher, Lord Lawson was following a freelance policy of ERM membership by shadowing the German mark. Lady Thatcher says she only found out from charts of currency movements supplied by *Financial Times* journalists.

"The implications of this were very serious ... Nigel had pursued a personal economic policy without reference to the rest of the government. How could I possibly trust him again?" She "had the matter out" with him and they pursued an uneasy compromise.

"Geoffrey Howe was now also making mischief. From this time on [early 1988] it became clear to me that Nigel and he — by no means on friendly terms in earlier years when there was a good deal of jealousy between them — were in cahoots ... Of the two, Geoffrey was the more ill-disposed to me personally."

This mischief-making led first to the "ambush" mounted by Lords Lawson and Howe in the summer of 1989 over the Madrid summit, in which they threatened to resign unless Lady Thatcher agreed to join the ERM. It also led to Lord Lawson's resignation in 1989 and Lord Howe's a year later after Lady Thatcher's "No, No, No" to greater powers for Brussels. His resignation speech, given added force by "long-suppressed rancour ... succeeded in its real purpose, which was to damage me. It was cool, forensic, light at points and poisonous". Lady Thatcher said that Lord Howe's words were "deeply damaging to me".

TIM BISHOP



Thatcher on Howe: "Would be remembered not for his staunchness as Chancellor, nor for his skilful diplomacy as foreign secretary, but for his final act of bile and treachery. The very brilliance with which he wielded the dagger ensured that the character he assassinated was in the end his own ... In the cabinet he was now a force for obstruction, in the party a focus for resentment, in the country a source of division. On top of that, we found each other's company almost intolerable."

Howe on Thatcher: "She imputes malice to me in a way I cannot accept. My only sin is having worked together with her for 18 years, 14 of them as her partner. From time to time I dared to disagree, sometimes to point out that others did, and to try to find common ground. I resigned on policy grounds when it became impossible to go on any longer. Her former political judgment was deserting her. She became incapable of keeping colleagues. Bile and treachery? No. I did it with the utmost reluctance."

Thatcher on Lawson: "One of the cleverest people in British politics. His folly cost us dear. Should I have sacked Nigel? I would have been fully justified. He had pursued a policy without my knowledge or consent ... but he was widely and rightly credited with helping us to win the 1987 election. He had complete intellectual mastery of his brief. He had the strong support of Conservative backbenchers and much of the Conservative press: they had convinced themselves that I was in the wrong and that only pettiness or pigheadedness could explain the different line I took."

Lawson on Thatcher: "Perhaps the Thatcher picture has to be seen in the context of her downfall. This is something which, understandably perhaps, even three years later she finds it very difficult to come to terms with. That causes her, perhaps unfortunately, to disparage her successors to some extent and to try to find scapegoats among some of her close colleagues."

On Thatcher's claims about shadowing the mark: "A cock-and-bull story."

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Bogus CIA men trick Gaddafi out of $3m

BY EDWARD GORMAN

THE Libyan government has been tricked out of millions of dollars by a group of Americans posing as CIA officials offering to help Colonel Muammar Gaddafi to escape further sanctions over the Lockerbie bombing.

Libyan agents are believed to have handed over more than $3 million in cash. The disclosure comes as lawyers for the two suspects in the bombing of Pan-Am flight 103, in which 270 people died, said in Tripoli yesterday that they had advised their clients against an immediate trial in Scotland.

This was seen by the Foreign Office as further prevarication by the Libyans and is expected to lead to the imposition of new sanctions by the UN Security Council when it meets in New York later this week. A Foreign Office spokeswoman dismissed claims by the lawyers that they had been unable to prepare a proper defence because the grounds for the prosecution had not been fully disclosed. She again called on the Libyan government to implement UN resolutions that call for the suspects to be handed over for trial in Scotland or the United States.

It has been clear for some months that Colonel Gaddafi has been prepared to use a string of intermediaries and to deploy large amounts of cash to influence Washington and to divide the British, Americans and French in their campaign to bring the suspects to trial.

Informed sources say meetings with the bogus CIA officials had been held monthly since March at the Noga Hilton hotel in Geneva, with the backing of Colonel Gaddafi. The Americans, some of whom have criminal records, are believed to have some contacts in the State Department in Washington but are thought to have passed on messages to the Libyans which are not in accordance with agreed policy between Britain, France and the United States.

In another scheme, reported yesterday, to offset the effects of sanctions, the Libyans are said to have tried to obtain billions of pounds in foreign currency by shipping cash out of Tripoli to be stored in Swiss banks.

According to one report, Libyan intermediaries have approached companies specialising in handling cash shipments, with a proposal to fly up to 35 billion Libyan dinars (£80 billion) to Switzerland. The plan, which is not thought to have gone ahead, was to convert the dinars into hard currencies by selling them at a discount rate to companies doing business in Libya. The new measures planned by the UN would would freeze Libyan assets and ban supplying equipment or services related to the transport and distribution of oil.

Publication sparks bitter recriminations

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while Chancellor, he was blind to inflation or pursued a private agenda over exchange-rate management. "She has not really got an insight into the reasons why the party decided she must go. She has cast around for explanation, blaming others rather than having an insight into herself," he said.

Alan Clark, one of Lady Thatcher's greatest champions during her years in power, said that she was a "diminishing force". "She has only herself to blame. She has not behaved in a responsible and imperial way since she stood down."

Michael Heseltine, President of the Board of Trade, also indirectly criticised Lady Thatcher's memoirs, deploring the growing tendency of former ministers to rush into print with "self-serving, pseudo-history". He said such accounts were a breach of the party's traditional standards. The amount of money at stake was "dramatic" and inevitably affected the contents.

Lord Gilmour of Craigmillar, who was sacked from the cabinet in 1981, said the book appeared to be "full of bile about everybody".

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Men held over IRA London bombings

Police were yesterday questioning three men in connection with a series of bomb attacks in north London over the past ten days. Another two men detained in Staffordshire were being interviewed by anti-terrorist squad detectives about other alleged IRA activities. All five men were arrested on Saturday, hours after explosions at Staples Corner, Cricklewood, and West Hampstead. On October 4, five devices exploded in Hornsey, Archway and Highgate, north London, injuring four people. On October 2, six people were hurt when three devices exploded in Finchley.

☐ Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Northern Ireland secretary, told Irish radio yesterday that the only message the government wanted from Gerry Adams, Sinn Fein president, was that IRA violence was over for good. He said talks between Mr Adams and SDLP leader John Hume marred existing inter-party talks on Ulster.

Fire pay deal expected

Leaders of Britain's 48,000 firemen are expected to reach a new pay deal tomorrow that will end the threat of a fire service strike. Local authority employers and the Fire Brigades Union will meet to consider the rise due under the firemen's index-linked pay formula. An agreement, which would be the last public sector deal of the present round, would allow the government to claim success for its 1.5 per cent public pay policy. Both the employers and the FBU expect the outcome be close to, or less than, the 1.5 per cent ceiling.

Inmate finds cell keys

An inmate obtained keys to cells at the top-security Frankland Prison, in Durham, which houses some of the country's most violent and dangerous criminals, including IRA terrorists. The prison is investigating the incident last month, when Paul Malone, 32, an armed robber serving 15 years, was allowed to wander unattended and enter a warder's office. The matter came to light when Malone told his story to a friend, Terry Howe. Mr Howe, of Newcastle upon Tyne, said: "If he'd wanted to, he could have opened every cell and let the prisoners out."

Churchill papers safe

A deal which will ensure that Winston Churchill's vast personal archives remain in Britain is nearing agreement after months of complex negotiations between his family, the trust that owns the papers and the government-backed National Heritage Museum Fund. Under the deal, private sponsors will buy the papers and then give them to the country, to prevent their being sold to a wealthy American museum or university. The collection has been valued at £50 million. The trustees have said they are prepared to take less money than a foreign buyer would be prepared to offer

Former seaman killed

A former merchant navy steward has been found strangled in his ransacked flat. Police are investigating the possibility that Reginald Woof, 49, of Edgeside, Lancashire, might have invited the killer back. Detective Superintendent Sandy Robson said: "Mr Woof was known to be homosexual and it is part of several lines of enquiry we are following."

Apology after burial

A hospital has apologised to a woman after burying her stillborn baby without permission last week. The Bishop Auckland general hospital, co. Durham, admitted causing distress to Tracey Turner, 22, of Newton Aycliffe. A hospital spokesman said it would investigate how the mistake occurred.

Pit protest 'costs jobs'

More than 100 contract workers have lost their jobs at Parkside colliery, Newton-le-Willows, Merseyside, because a group of women is occupying mine offices in protest at pit closures, British Coal says. The 110 workers were removing underground mining equipment at the pit, which stopped cutting coal last November and closed in April.

Mothers unveil tribute



The mothers of the two boys who died in the IRA bombing at Warrington, Cheshire, in March unveiled a memorial to them yesterday. It was the first time that Marie Comerford, mother of three-year-old Johnathan Ball, left, and Wendy Parry, mother of Tim, 12, had been to the shopping precinct since the attack. Each placed a red rose beneath a shop-front plaque bearing likenesses of the boys.

Suicide bids fail

A man survived two suicide attempts yesterday, police at Folkstone, Kent, disclosed. He first drove his car over an 80ft cliff, but escaped from the wreckage of his Vauxhall Chevette with cuts and bruises. He then leapt into the sea, but gave up his attempt to drown after an hour and waded ashore. The man, in his thirties, was taken to hospital with hypothermia.

Mail eyes Independent

Associated Newspapers, publishers of the *Daily Mail* and *Mail on Sunday*, would be willing to buy *The Independent*, but "only for a song", Sir David English, Associated's chairman, told BBC2's *The Money Programme* yesterday. He was speaking on the day that a revamped *Independent on Sunday* was launched at an increased price of £1. On Tuesday, *The Independent* will raise its price to 50p, above *The Daily Telegraph* at 48p and *The Guardian* at 45p. Sir David said the paper would have to run at a loss for a long time before being "turned around".

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Carey joins debate over high social cost of single mothers

BY RUTH GLEDHILL AND NICHOLAS WOOD

DR GEORGE Carey, the Archbishop of Canterbury, intervened yesterday in the debate about single parents by warning of the dangers of children brought up without a father.

Dr Carey said the growing number of children with no experience of a father would "breed another generation with little idea of what a loving father can be". He said: "The resulting cost to our society is far greater than can be measured in financial terms."

His remarks to members of the Church of Scotland at St Giles cathedral in Edinburgh will be welcomed by the government, which has been pressing churchmen to take a stronger moral lead on the issue. Dr Carey referred to "the alarming rise in single-parent families".

A recent *Panorama* programme disclosed that some young single women saw "little need of permanent relationships with the men who had fathered their children". He asked: "Where are the models in our society where young people can find inspiration for their lives? Sadly, many lack these from a very young age."

Dr Carey's intervention came as ministers distanced themselves from suggestions that they were planning a campaign to persuade single mothers to give up their babies for adoption rather than provide for them.

The idea was hinted at by Michael Howard, the home secretary, last week at a fringe meeting during the Tory conference in Blackpool. He said that in the past much greater social stigma had been attached to illegitimacy. Many children born out of wedlock had been adopted – the best outcome for both mother and infant, Mr Howard said.

Ministers said yesterday, however, that they were not aware of any plans to force or cajole single mothers into parting with their children by cutting back on welfare payments, for instance.

They said that it would do no harm to remind pregnant young women that there was an alternative to abortion or a life on benefits. One minister said he thought this argument would be better received coming from independent groups, such as charities caring for young mothers, than politicians.

Michael Heseltine, the President of the Board of Trade, drew back from supporting the idea of the government encouraging adoption. In a BBC television interview, he said: "That is something to the best of my knowledge, the government has not announced or taken a decision on. That would be something that would be controversial." However, with the government committed to legal changes that would stop single mothers jumping council housing queues and with the soaring costs of welfare under scrutiny, ministers are encouraging debate about the impact of family break-up and the fact that one child in four is now born outside marriage.

Dr Carey also addressed the issue of authority, warning of destructive consequences if it was rejected indiscriminately. Ultimately, the rejection of authority "leads to fragmentation and chaos", he said.

Referring to the recent papal encyclical, *Veritatis Splendor*, for its "strong Biblical assertions about the objectivity of God's truth", he said morality had become far too individualistic. Dr Carey said that as an Anglican he questioned some of the Pope's presuppositions about "how we discern the authoritative understanding of the teachings of Christ", but believed that morality and patterns of behaviour could never be confined merely to the individual's whim.

☐ Most Britons in their 30s reject traditional family values and believe couples with children should not necessarily stay together, according to a National Children's Bureau survey published today.

The change in attitudes means couples are increasingly likely to cohabit, divorce or have a series of partners, and are much happier as a result.

The conclusions are based on a 1991 survey of 17,000 33-year-olds born in a single week in 1958. It found that the happiest people were likely to be those in their second marriage, while the least contented were single women cohabiting with their partners.



Carey: "a generation know no father's love"



ADRIAN BROOKS

Stefan Hava from Enfield, north London, waiting to audition



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Disney's cartoon Mowgli: too sweet?

Mowgli hopefuls queue up for fame

BY ALAN HAMILTON

ALTHOUGH Kipling was not specific on the point, it is highly unlikely that he envisaged Mowgli learning to speak with a Yorkshire accent. What he did make clear was that the young hero of *The Jungle Books* was Indian. That did not prevent a motley assortment of *hopefuls, many indisputably Caucasian, from* turning up at a central London drill hall yesterday to audition for a new version of Kipling's tales to be filmed in India next year.

There is, apparently, no established Asian actor of the correct age and stature. Down *from Settle, North Yorkshire, and sounding* like it, was Ben Haines, 18 and white. "I suppose I would have to do something about the accent," he said. Celestia Fox, the casting director, put him on file with all the others.

Presumably Mowgli should not look quite *as sugar-sweet as in the Disney cartoon. Ms* Fox said: "The person we are looking for has to be incredibly physical, as there is a lot of swinging from trees and training with wolves. But we do not want a great muscle-man; he will have to be lithe and graceful as well."

Castle Russell, 20, looked more promising: half Indian and half Italian, resident in Bromley, with a fine line in tigerish snarls. He was, he said, a Chinese martial arts instructor in his spare time. But could he swing by one hand from a top branch, stop a buck in mid-gallop and yet retain a gentle look in his eyes? The film company did not appear to think so.

Police rue loophole as suspect, 13, flees again

A TEENAGER described by police as a "crime wave all on his own" was on the run yesterday shortly after social services authorised an emergency order for him to be locked up.

The boy, aged 13, is wanted for several burglaries and car crime. He was to be kept in secure accommodation until his appearance today before Leeds Youth Court, where social services were to apply for a long-term order.

After other alleged offences *the boy had been remanded* into the care of the local authority, which then placed him back at his home. But when police went to arrest him at his home in Leeds, his parents said they had no idea where he was.

One detective said the boy, who has been arrested more than 50 times, could be described only as a professional burglar. "He was getting caution after caution before he was ten and is practically in and out of the police station every day. We need to get him off the streets but there is little we can do. You just can't keep him still. He was placed under a three-year supervision order but is continually being arrested for more offences.

"There is a complete loophole in the legal system that these young offenders can't be put into secure accommodation. This lad is a little crime wave all on his own."

A secure unit has been made available for the boy, who cannot be named for legal reasons.

City houses parents of accused in hotel

BY JENNY KNIGHT

THE families of three juveniles accused of terrorising a partially sighted and deaf 99-year-old were put up in a *three-star hotel after telling* social workers they were frightened of reprisals by neighbours.

Last night, they were moved to another secret location after a row broke out over their £50-a-night accommodation, paid for by Newcastle upon Tyne City Council.

The families were moved from their run-down estate in Benwell, Newcastle, after their sons were accused of ransacking the home of Peggy Forbes. The boys, aged 11, 14 and 16, were remanded into local authority care on Tuesday, charged with robbery. Their parents and two other children were checked into the Grosvenor Hotel, in Jesmond.

Jeremy Beecham, the council leader, has since criticised the decision to approve the stay. "I do not think that moving the families into the hotel is an appropriate response," he said.

Last night, Miss Forbes' nephew, Ken Forbes, 70, said: "It is horrible that these people are living the life of luxury while my aunt has to barricade herself inside her home.

"How is it that the criminal element are always well cared for and pampered, while the victim is left to suffer alone? Peggy is still coming to terms with what happened."

Roland Boyes, Labour MP for Houghton and Washington, said: "There must be better places for these people to be rehoused in than a luxury hotel.

"In my opinion, if kids perpetrate terrible crimes, parents must be ready to suffer the consequences as well."

Officers will not respond after six false alarms

BY A STAFF REPORTER

POLICE chiefs are blacklisting householders whose faulty burglar alarms lead to officers' time repeatedly being wasted.

With more than a million false alarms every year, police say that they cannot respond to every call. Properties with systems that cause more that six false alarms in any one year are likely to be put on a blacklist. Police will then refuse to answer further alarm calls.

The problem of faulty burglar alarms was discussed at meetings between the Association of Chief Police Officers and representatives of the security and insurance industry last week. Scotland Yard yesterday refused to discuss the matter, saying that it was an initiative by chief police officers.

The decision to restrict the police response reflects exasperation among senior officers with the large number of false alarms. Last year the estimated 650,000 monitored domestic systems around the country, which cost up to £1,000 to install, produced more that 1,500,000 false alarms. Many of those were caused by user error, changes in central heating temperatures or pets.

The new generation of systems favoured by the police are capable of verifying whether a house has been broken into by transmitting pictures or the sound made by an intruder to monitoring centres within seconds of the alarm being triggered.

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Charity worker killed

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A YOUNG graduate working as a volunteer at an Oxford hostel for the homeless died after he was stabbed through the heart during a row with a resident.

Jonathan Newby, 22, from the Devizes area of Wiltshire, staggered out of a hostel run by the Oxford Cyrenian Community on Saturday and collapsed on the pavement. Members of staff and paramedics gave emergency treatment but Mr Newby died in the John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford, less than an hour later.

John Paul Rous, 47, unemployed, whose address was given as the hostel, was charged with murder yesterday. He is expected to appear before magistrates at Oxford today.

Mr Newby, a history, art and design graduate from Leicester Polytechnic, started to work as a care assistant at the recently refurbished four-storey hostel a few weeks ago.

Mr Newby's parents travelled from Wiltshire to identify his body before a post-mortem examination was carried out.

One of the staff at the hostel said yesterday: "Jonathan was working with us on a purely voluntary basis. We are all dreadfully shocked."

Boxer defends knockout yarn

BY BEN MACINTYRE

ANDREW "Chubby" Griffiths was the hero of the hour when the Welsh boxing champion claimed to have knocked out two muggers who tried to rob him in a Florida street.

But Mr Griffiths' skills as a pugilist, it transpires, may be second to his talents as an actor. "It didn't happen," Sgt David Kowlaske, of the Florida police, told the *Orlando Sentinel* newspaper. Police investigators have listed the robbery as "unfounded".

Mr Griffiths, the reigning Welsh amateur super heavyweight champion, said yesterday at his home at Quaker's Yard, Mid Glamorgan, that he stood by his story. "It did happen and what I told the police out there is true. They are trying to fudge."

With the brio of Frank Bruno he described his response when two muggers demanded his wallet after he had used a cash dispenser 12 days ago. He said at the time: "Without thinking I let him have it with a punch to the face and down he went.

"The first fellow went down and the next thing the second one jumped me," he said. Mr Griffiths, 29, said he grabbed his assailant, kneed him in the head and then karate-chopped him, a technique not encouraged by the amateur boxing authorities.

For a few days Florida, which has seen its tourist industry damaged by violent attacks against visitors, thrilled to Mr Griffiths's post-fight commentary. "I gave them the hiding of their lives. They picked the wrong man," he told reporters.

The family holiday had not started well when their tour company collapsed, but after reporting his encounter one British newspaper provided tickets to Disney-World, and another offered to fly the family home first class the *Sentinel* reported.

A global problem that cannot be put on ice.

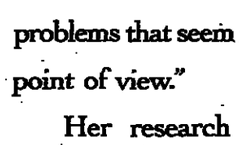
Dr. Monica Kristensen describes herself as someone "interested in problems that seem fun from a theoretical point of view."

Her research in Antarctica may, therefore, be fun. But it also seeks to answer two related questions. How does the ice shelf respond to variations in air and sea temperature? And how do changes in the Antarctic ice sheets affect global weather?

Despite being faced with this complex problem, Dr. Kristensen remains positive, even in her regard for the Antarctic landscape. "I find it exceedingly beautiful. I feel happy when I'm here – in all the cold and misery."

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Families exploit loophole to claim cash for elderly

BY JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALTH SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

RELATIVES looking after elderly people are registering as owners of private residential homes so that they can claim up to £300 a week towards the cost.

A daughter-in-law in Durham who has registered her home is awaiting a decision by her local authority on whether it will pay. Two similar cases have arisen in Humberside.

Almost anyone can register as proprietor of a residential home with fewer than four beds and under community care guidelines elderly people can choose which home they go to. Stephen Campbell, secretary of the social services division at the Association of County Councils, said: "It's an enormous loophole which has very great implications."

The social services committee meets tomorrow to discuss concern among local authorities. The health department will be asked to examine what could become an expensive trend. The authorities have been caught out by the community care legislation introduced in April which requires them to pay for residential care. An elderly person must be assessed by the local authority as needing residential care and must be unable to pay for it themselves. Once they have met those conditions, there is nothing to prevent their being looked after by a relative for a fee of up to £300 a week.

Registering a home with four beds or fewer has been simplified under the government's drive to reduce bureaucracy. No fire exits or fire doors are needed and licensing is based almost solely on the suitability of the person concerned.

Robert Lake, director of social services in Humberside, said: "Our concern is that we could have to pay £185 a week to a son to look after his own mother. I don't think that is in the spirit of the community care legislation but there is nothing we can do about it."

Peter Kemp, social services director in Durham, said that the main requirement for registering a home was ensuring that the owner was a "fit" person. "Unless there are real indicators that the person isn't fit, there are few reasons for not registering them," he said. "But if they are being paid to look after a relative there is an issue about the use of public money."

The health department defended the right of elderly people requiring residential care to choose who provided it but said that payment was a matter for local authority discretion. "There is nothing to stop a bona fide care home owner providing care for a relative with the help of a fee from a local authority," it said in a statement. "But the government does not believe that local authorities should pay fees for care which would otherwise have been provided on a non-commercial basis."

PAUL BARKER



A crane positions hundreds of tons of granite in Scarborough's South Bay to curb the erosion that led to the collapse of a hotel this summer. Gillian Shephard, agriculture minister, will announce a national strategy today to combat flooding and erosion

MPs investigate primary schools under-spending

BY BEN PRESTON, EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

LARGE differences in the money spent on primary and secondary school pupils are being investigated by a Commons watchdog.

An enquiry into the disparity between primary and secondary school funding has been launched by the cross-party education select committee in the wake of government concern to improve primary education.

The funding gap has been highlighted by a ministerial drive to encourage primaries to introduce more specialist teaching. Many primaries, hampered by tight budgets, have struggled to respond.

Some local education authorities (LEAs) are spending almost twice as much per pupil in secondaries than in primary and nursery schools, according to analysis of official figures by *The Times*. Up to £1,000 a year more can be spent on a 12-year-old at secondary school than on a primary pupil aged 11.

Sir Malcolm Thornton, committee chairman and Conservative MP for Crosby, said members were anxious to tackle key issues such as the limited school time available to primary teachers for marking and lesson preparation.

Sir Malcolm said the committee was moving quickly so it could publish an authoritative report in the spring. It would question Baroness Blatch, the education minister, later this month. The select committee was today due to receive evidence that primaries are being allocated more cash by LEAs in an attempt to remedy the funding imbalance. Stephen Byers, Labour MP for Wallsend, has made submissions showing that three out of four authorities increased the proportion of spending on nursery and primary pupils compared with secondaries in 1991-2.

However, Mr Byers said primary and nursery schools remained "poor relations", receiving just £1,469 a pupil on average each year, while secondaries had £2,145 a head.

He gave warning that the welcome shift towards primaries was at risk from government plans for a new common funding formula to distribute money to grant-maintained schools from April. This would be based on historic spending patterns, threatening to set existing disparities in concrete.

He said: "A forward-looking government would provide extra resources for the nursery/primary sector, as all the research indicates that investment in early-years education represents excellent value for money. It reduces costs to the government in later years."

The education department said ministers also wanted the funding gap to narrow and that there was no reason why the common funding formula should hinder this.

The ten lowest-spending LEAs, with spending per nursery/primary pupil also expressed as a percentage of spending on secondary pupils, were: Suffolk (£1,250, 73.6); Wigan (£1,257, 54.9); Essex (£1,261, 55.5); Kent (£1,263, 60.8); Cleveland (£1,271, 60.2); Trafford (£1,281, 60.8); Salford (£1,299, 59.3); Coventry (£1,300, 61.4); Bury (£1,302, 68.5); and Rochdale (£1,310, 61.4).

Patten gives impetus to more opting out

BY OUR EDUCATION REPORTER

EDUCATION ministers and senior civil servants embarked yesterday on a drive to accelerate the development of specialist state schools and hasten the demise of comprehensives.

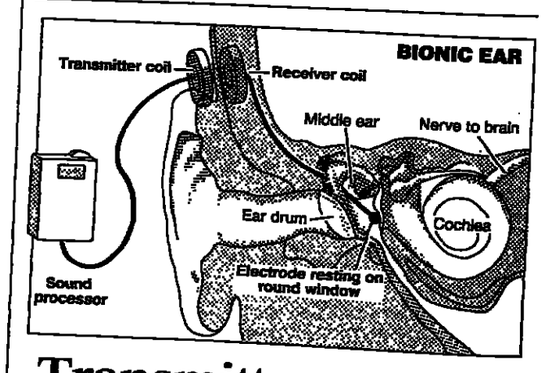
John Patten, the education secretary, took his five-strong ministerial team to Chevening, the foreign secretary's retreat in Kent, for a weekend session to give fresh impetus to encouraging more schools to opt out of local education authority (LEA) control.

Mr Patten is anxious to regain the initiative after a summer of setbacks for government reforms. With curriculum issues now effectively in the hands of Sir Ron Dearing, chairman of the School Curriculum and Assessment Authority, ministers are concentrating on the broader question of greater diversity. They want to build on the technology college initiative and speed the end of what Mr Patten regards as the "monochrome, monolithic" neighbourhood comprehensive.

The weekend session is understood to have considered plans for creating a national network of secondary schools specialising in modern languages and music, drama and dance. That is expected to be at the top of Mr Patten's agenda for the new year, with the carrot of additional funding possibly tied to a requirement that schools opt out.

Ministers are determined to encourage the switch to grant-maintained status in parts of the country where few schools have broken with local authorities. At present, eight LEAs account for half of all grant-maintained secondaries in England, with 42 out of a total 109 authorities retaining a monopoly on schools.

Mr Patten announced last week that, from January, school governors would be required to hold annual secret ballots on opting out.



Transmitter restores Lord Ashley's hearing

BY NICHOLAS WATT

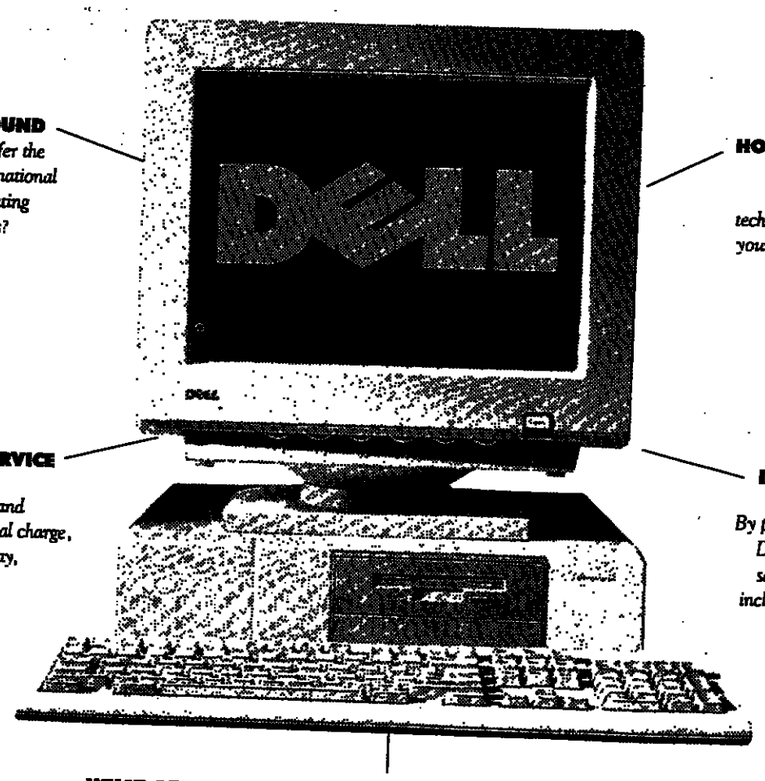
LORD Ashley of Stoke, the former Labour MP who lost his hearing 25 years ago, can hear again after an operation. He said that hearing his grandson's voice for the first time was the most magical moment since the operation.

Lord Ashley, 70, who as Jack Ashley was Labour MP for Stoke-on-Trent from 1966 to 1993, was given a cochlear implant which stimulates the nerves in the inner ear. It will take at least a year before the sound of people's voices develops beyond an electronic muffle, but he is delighted.

"It is absolutely wonderful," he said. "The human voice sounds like a croaking Dalek with laryngitis, but I can hear things that make lip-reading much easier. I had total silence like a cotton wool world. Now I can hear sounds like the phone ringing and my secretary typing which jog my memory. My one disappointment is that I will not be able to listen to music." Graham ried out the operation, said that a microphone which Lord Ashley wears behind his ear sends sounds to a sound processor in his pocket.

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Canoe death

Robin Owen, [illegible] Cookley, Hereford & Worcester, drowned [illegible] canoe became [illegible] rocks below [illegible] dam in Dyfed.

Deer butchered

Poachers [illegible] in fields among a [illegible] children with [illegible] a Alderney. [illegible] Police said the [illegible] cted for venison.

Theft stabbing

A 40-year-old man [illegible] received multiple [illegible] after he tried [illegible] snatcher in a [illegible] ham in Bristol Royal [illegible] ty. A man arrested [illegible] has been charged.

Comic relief

Frank Taylor, 79, a [illegible] jailed for refusing [illegible] £347 poll tax. [illegible] from Kirkham, [illegible] Blackpool, after [illegible] Bernard Manning [illegible]

Bond winners

Numbers in the [illegible] bond draw: £100,[illegible] in Bath, £25,[illegible] Northampton, [illegible] £50,000; [illegible] Blackburn, £50,[illegible] prizes (London [illegible] sum, £1,000).

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Magistrates jeer Lord Chancellor over court plans

BY FRANCES GIBB
LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

■ **Lord Mackay of Clashfern has failed to placate magistrates who fear management efficiency is not equitable with justice**

THE Lord Chancellor, Lord Mackay of Clashfern, was greeted with loud jeers and hisses from angry magistrates at their annual meeting as he attempted to placate them over his plans for reorganising magistrates' courts.

The magistrates, who fear that the proposals to make the courts more accountable and efficient pose a grave threat to their judicial independence, left the Lord Chancellor in no doubt as to their determination to fight his plans through Parliament.

The unprecedented strength of feeling from the ranks of the normally-restrained magistrates erupted as Lord Mackay attempted to defend the proposals to be contained in a bill next parliamentary session.

At the end of a stormy question and answer session, Joyce Rose, chairman of the Magistrates' Association, told Lord Mackay to loud applause that although much of what he had said was welcome there was disappointment over other parts, to which there would be strengthened resistance.

The proposals, published in a white paper last year, provide for magistrates' courts to be merged into much larger areas, for a new manager, or chief justices' clerk, to be appointed over these areas and for justices' clerks, who run the courts and advise JPs, to be put on fixed-term contracts.

Magistrates gave a standing ovation to proposers of a motion that the government's proposals were viewed "with great concern", urging Lord Mackay "to do nothing that might put pressure on magistrates either directly or indirectly to subordinate the interests of justice to management efficiency." The motion was passed with only a handful of dissenters.

Afterwards, Rosemary Thomson, vice-chairman of the 30,000-strong association, said she had not witnessed such strength of feeling within the magistracy before. "Magistrates are feeling under enormous pressure — it has been quite unremitting in recent months," she said. There had been a succession of legislation: the Children Act, youth courts, the Criminal Justice Act 1991 with means-related fines, and then the amended Criminal Justice Act. Magistrates now faced further criminal justice legislation.

"If there had not been all this pressure, I doubt if the opposition to the white paper proposals would be so intense. Magistrates do feel they have been manipulated," she said.

Earlier Nan Bloom, chairman of the Teesside justices, summarised the feeling of the meeting, saying: "The government's proposals will compromise our independence, and a fundamental constitutional principle will be lost — that of judicial independence. That is the right of any person to come before the magistrates' courts in the certain knowledge that right will be done ... without external interference save for the professional advice of the justices' clerk." Lord Mackay's pledge that independence would be enshrined in statute meant absolutely nothing, she said.

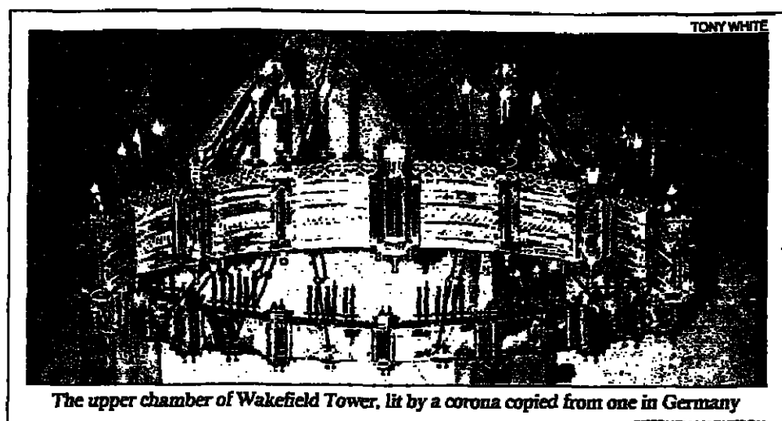
Lord Mackay was asked, to applause, why — if the Lord Chief Justice, at least 16,000 magistrates and the justices' clerks had all apparently "misunderstood the proposals" — he did not re-write them to make them clear.

Lord Mackay said he wished to take concerns on board and there had been lengthy consultation over the past year. The government had rejected earlier proposals for a national court service because they believed in the importance of local justice.

It was not his aim to undermine judicial independence, a principle he "unwaveringly held". "I would have no part in proposals which would undermine that independence of the magistrates. I don't see what possible ground I could have for wishing to do that." He added: "Having considered all the arguments put forward, nothing I have heard has caused me to alter my view that the changes I have proposed will not interfere with judicial independence."

However in one concession he said the government had agreed a review of the new and much-criticised formula for funding courts. This has been attacked for being based too much on results and through-put of cases.

TONY WHITE



The upper chamber of Wakefield Tower, lit by a corona copied from one in Germany

STEPHEN MARKESON



An actor alongside the criticised reproduction of Edward I's coronation chair

Historians reject 'fake' restoration of Tower rooms

BY ALAN HAMILTON AND MARCUS BINNEY

NEWLY recreated medieval apartments in the Tower of London are historically inaccurate and illegal, according to experts.

English Heritage has prepared a report for the Department of National Heritage alleging that a new route taking visitors through the Wakefield Tower and Edward I's long-vanished apartment in St Thomas's Tower has been built without permission from English Heritage. Scholars say that the apartments have been so badly reconstructed and furnished that visitors can no longer tell what is original fabric, accurate replica, pastiche or pure invention.

The public were being "grossly deceived" by fakes being placed in a genuine context, Claude Blair, former keeper of metalwork at the Victoria and Albert Museum, said yesterday.

An art historian at the museum said it would have been better to keep the rooms closed for another 200 years.

Some of the historians consulted by the Historic Royal Palaces Agency, which manages the Tower, had advised against the proposals but found that substantial replicas had already been commissioned. "I felt they needed to spend a lot of money in a hurry," said one.

English Heritage is also claiming that the necessary clearance to alter a scheduled monument was not obtained before work began, and that the work has concealed and possibly damaged recent important discoveries.

The upper chamber of the Wakefield Tower is now lit by a circular corona copied from one in Hildesheim Cathedral, Germany. The Historic Royal Palaces Agency says it is the nearest light fitting they could find to the kind Edward I would have had. But Dr Paul Binski, lecturer in medieval art at Manchester University, said: "The corona is completely inappropriate. A room like this would have been lit by rush torches, not by a stonking great chandelier."

Fiercest criticism is directed at a white and gold reproduction of Edward I's brass coronation chair in Westminster Abbey; the copy has a pair of cuddly lions nestling at the foot.

"The whole point about the coronation chair is that it was designed for the Stone of Scone," says Dr Binski. There is no evidence that the chair ever came to the Tower, and other experts regard the addition of lions as contrary to heraldic principles.

Concern is also being expressed at a hooded fireplace installed by the agency which looks like stone but is in fact of a lightweight aggregate. Archaeologists believe that the original may have had a very rare type of hood, judging by scars in the stonework, and that this evidence is now concealed or destroyed.

In Edward I's recreated dining-room, costumed actors field questions from visitors. Stained glass inserted in turret windows is neither medieval nor modern, but Victorian. Inside, the walls have been painted with simulated stonework based on a medieval church in Kent, but while the walls are distressed to look old, a reproduction chair is painted to look new.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Four freed after police find bones

Police investigating human remains found encased in concrete over the weekend have released four men from custody, it was disclosed yesterday. They had been arrested at the end of last week in connection with the disappearance in 1988 of Wayne Lomas, 31, a car dealer with underworld connections who is thought to have been murdered.

The men were questioned at different police stations in Bristol and released without charge. Police said they found the remains after two days of excavation under the floor of a house at Southville, Bristol.

The house is owned by a couple currently on holiday in Spain. They have been told of the discovery and police say they are not connected with the enquiry at this stage. Their house was one of five raided by detectives re-examining the disappearance of Mr Lomas.

Body in bath

A man has been charged with murder after the drowned body of Karen Thomas, 33, was discovered in a bath at her home in Wyke, West Yorkshire. The man, aged 28, will appear before Bradford magistrates today.

Canoe death

Robin Owen, 26, from Cookley, Hereford and Worcester, drowned after his canoe became trapped in rocks below the Claerwen dam in Dyfed.

Deer butchered

Poachers beheaded seven deer in fields around a school for children with speech problems at Alderwasley, Derbyshire. Police said they were butchered for venison.

Theft stabbing

A 40-year-old man who received multiple stab wounds after he tried to stop a bag snatcher is in a serious condition in Bristol Royal Infirmary. A man arrested at the scene has been charged.

Comic relief

Frank Taylor, 79, a pensioner jailed for refusing to pay his £347 poll tax, was released from Kirkham jail, near Blackpool, after comedian Bernard Manning paid it.

Bond winners

Winners in the weekly premium bond draw: £100,000 prize: bond no. 8ML 588215 (winner lives in Wolverhampton, value of holding £50); £50,000: 23VT 987828 (Middlesex, £500); £25,000: 19SS 308132 (London borough of Lewisham, £1,016).

Oxford diocese leads race to ordain first woman priest

BY RUTH GLEDHILL, RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

DIOCESES in the Church of England are racing to be the first to ordain women from the 1,200 who are waiting to become priests.

Leading the field at present is Oxford, with April 16 and 17 fixed for ordinations. Running close behind are St Albans, Worcester, Liverpool and Durham.

The Bishop of Oxford, the Right Rev Richard Harries, predicts that women priests will reach a new constituency in secular society, bringing more people into the church. "Women do have particular gifts to bring to the church and the ministry," he said. "These will be more fully used when they can be ordained to the priesthood.

"I believe there is a whole new constituency of people who are responsive to women's ministry in a way they have not been to men. Women's gifts will be able to be used to the full."

Those women likely to be among the first include the Rev Gil Sumner, 54, a former teacher. Mrs Sumner, who has wanted to go into ministry since her teens, was one of the first women to be ordained deacon, in April 1987, shortly after it became legal. She has run a lay training scheme for three years, is vice-principal of the Oxford diocese ministry course and helps with services in a group of rural churches.

"The most significant difference is that within my parish ministry I shall be able to celebrate the eucharist, which will complete my pastoral ministry," she said. "That being the heart of Christian worship, it is difficult to minister to a congregation in its fullest sense if that part is not open to you."

Also among the ordinands from Oxford diocese will be the Rev Annette Nixon, parish deacon at Earley, Reading. Mrs Nixon, 56, said: "Having men and women together makes the priesthood whole. Not being allowed to celebrate the eucharist has been frustrating and painful. This will free so many gifts that women can bring to the priesthood."

All 1,200 women are likely to be ordained by the end of next summer. Most dioceses plan to conduct their ordinations on a single day. It had been thought that the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr George Carey, would ordain the first woman priest, as a measure of his support, but he is planning a foreign visit shortly after Easter. Women in the Canterbury diocese will not now be among the first.

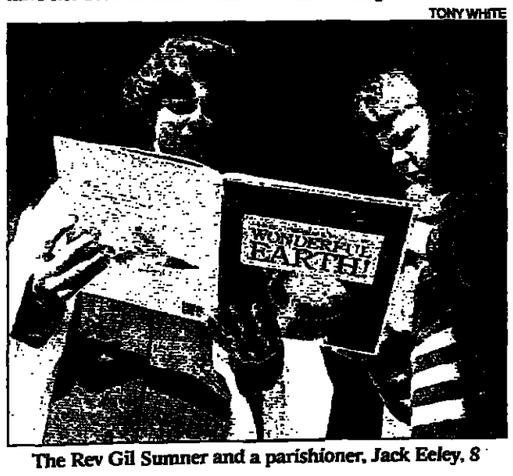
A spokeswoman for Dr Carey said: "The Archbishop of Canterbury has no particular desire to be first."

Several difficulties remain to be negotiated before the ordinations can take place. The Church Society is seeking a judicial review to determine whether the general synod was within its legal rights when it decided to ordain women priests. The synod office has pledged to defend the action.

An "act of synod" due to be debated by the synod next month is designed to placate opponents with a network of traditionalist bishops who will offer pastoral care, but it is being threatened by criticism from both sides.

The legislation to ordain women priests must also be debated soon by both Houses of Parliament before it can go forward for Royal Assent.

TONY WHITE



The Rev Gil Sumner and a parishioner, Jack Eeley, 8

Dashboard snake reduces driver to a crawl

BY JENNY KNIGHT

A TEACHER'S drive in a hired car came to a panic-stricken conclusion when a boa constrictor came out of an air vent. Karen Mathieson, 41, was driving south through North Yorkshire in the fast lane of the A1 when the snake appeared between the dashboard and windscreen of the 1.4 Escort.

"It sat there and looked at me and I looked back in horror," she said. "I couldn't believe my eyes. It went back into the vent and then it suddenly reappeared. I have always had a phobia about snakes."

Mrs Mathieson, of Ponteland, Northumberland, was 60 miles into a journey to her mother in York on Saturday. She slowly left the A1 at the next exit and called the police. When it peeped out at them they summoned the RSPCA and a snake expert from nearby Catterick. Police took Mrs Mathieson to York while the hire car was towed into the city. The RSPCA failed to coax the snake out and believes that it wriggled away.

Paul Ashton, an RSPCA inspector, said: "We stripped the whole of the front of the car right down and we're 99 per cent sure it has gone. It's not dangerous — by its size, it couldn't do much harm."

The car had been hired a week earlier from Budget Rent-a-car in Newcastle upon Tyne. Nobody from the company was available for comment yesterday.

Excavation shows pharaohs knew the secret of concrete

BY NORMAN HAMMOND, ARCHAEOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

CONCRETE, the stuff of modern cities, turns out to have been familiar to the pharaohs of ancient Egypt nearly 3,500 years ago.

Researchers have found that under Akhenaten, who reigned from 1353 to 1335 BC, concrete was invented to speed construction of a new capital. But the technique was lost for centuries until rediscovered by the Romans.

The city, Akhet-Aten, was built on a site on the middle Nile. One of the royal architects came up with a new method of preparing foundations which anticipated some of the ideas of the late 20th century.

"The first step was to dig out a shallow foundation pit in the desert over the entire area," Barry Kemp, an Egyptologist at Cambridge University who led the research, said. "A construction raft was then created by spreading a layer of concrete over the entire floor of the pit.

"The smooth, flat surface of the raft made it like a colossal drawing-board on which the architect could mark out the plan of the building at full scale in ink or with lightly scored lines," Mr Kemp said. Foundations were built on the concrete rafts, and the stone walls of new palaces were then built on top of them.John Cox of British Gypsum analysed newly excavated samples of the foundation material at the firm's research department at Loughborough, Leicestershire. It showed that the Egyptians knew how to make gypsum — a mineral common in the limestone desert — into cement by heating, Mr Cox said. This cement bound the concrete.

The Egyptian concrete has survived remarkably well. "Wherever stretches of the foundation bed have survived, they show no signs of cracking or subsidence," Mr Kemp said. Not so the city itself: it stood for only twenty years before being razed by unsympathetic successors.

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Legacy of Thatcher years spells doom for Tories



*The nation's mood and the state of the Tory party rule out a return to 'traditional values', **John Gray** writes. The real beneficiary of Thatcherism may be the Labour party*

The Times Essay

IF, today, it is evident to all that Margaret Thatcher was bound to fail in her mission of effecting a national renaissance in Britain, it is no less clear that she succeeded in transforming British political life irreversibly.

Among the many deep and lasting changes wrought during her years of leadership, three stand out as having overriding importance for the future of British politics.

First, as a result of a decade of Thatcherite policy and rhetoric, the terms of political debate have been permanently altered. Socialism has been struck off the agenda, and the Labour party has come to accept that the proper management of market institutions, rather than any form of public ownership or central planning, is the objective of a sensible economic policy. If we have a post-socialist political culture, credit must be given to Baroness Thatcher.

A second change is equally profound. The undeclared objective of postwar governments of both parties was to contrive an alignment of the economic and the electoral cycles. Lady Thatcher abandoned this objective. She sought instead to decouple the voters' perception of government from the performance of the economy. It is the success of this project, far more than voters' mistrust of Labour's economic competence, that accounts for the otherwise inexplicable victory of the Conservatives, in the middle of a deep recession, at the last general election. The decoupling of government and economy is ominous in its implications for the present government since it nullifies or weakens the electoral advantage it might gain from any economic up-turn.

Thirdly, Thatcherism effected a partial demolition of the established institutions and class hierarchies. In this regard, it was a force for modernisation far more potent than any Labour government apart from that which came to power in 1945. Mrs Thatcher perceived that there was a substantial constituency that stood to benefit from policies of privatisation and deregulation. In pursuing such policies, Thatcherism altered the institutional landscape of Britain almost beyond recognition. But it also destroyed the coalition of interests that sustained it in power, and created a political environment that may well prove hostile to Tory electoral prospects for many years.

In its heyday, in the mid-1980s, the self-defeating effects of Thatcherism were perceived by very few. Indeed, in the triumphalist think tanks of the New Right, it was hailed as a permanent fact of political life. Neo-Liberal visionaries pronounced that Labour would never rule again, that the economic problem was solved, and similar absurdities. The almost elemental political force of Thatcherism was thereby transformed into an ideology, with predictably disastrous consequences.

When Lady Thatcher was at length ousted, it was in part a reaction of the Tory instincts of the party against the ideological illusions that had led her to embrace the poll tax. By then, however, the party and the country had undergone such a metamorphosis that a return to the policies and verities of an older Conservatism was no longer possible. The self-defeating effects of Thatcherism arose from the destructive impact of unfettered market forces on the interests and patterns of life of the social groups which supported it. Not only were new entrants into the enterprise culture savaged by negative equity, insupportable debt and long-term unemployment. The enterprise culture itself proved to be a solvent of bonds of trust and community, and a source of insecurity to many. The mobility demanded by a dynamic market economy is not easily reconciled with a settled common life. The end result was the weakening or dissolution of the ties of community and the generation of a society of strangers.

The tendency of policy under the Major government has been to reinforce these destructive tendencies. Ill-conceived reforms of the professions — including, now, nursing and the police force — are bent on replacing an ethos of service by the meagre morality of contract. In this, and many other respects, the Major government has differed from its predecessor only in its spectacular ineptitude, in which policy-making and crisis management have become indistinguishable. In this regard, Lady Thatcher's assessment of her successor in her memoirs seems if anything overly generous.

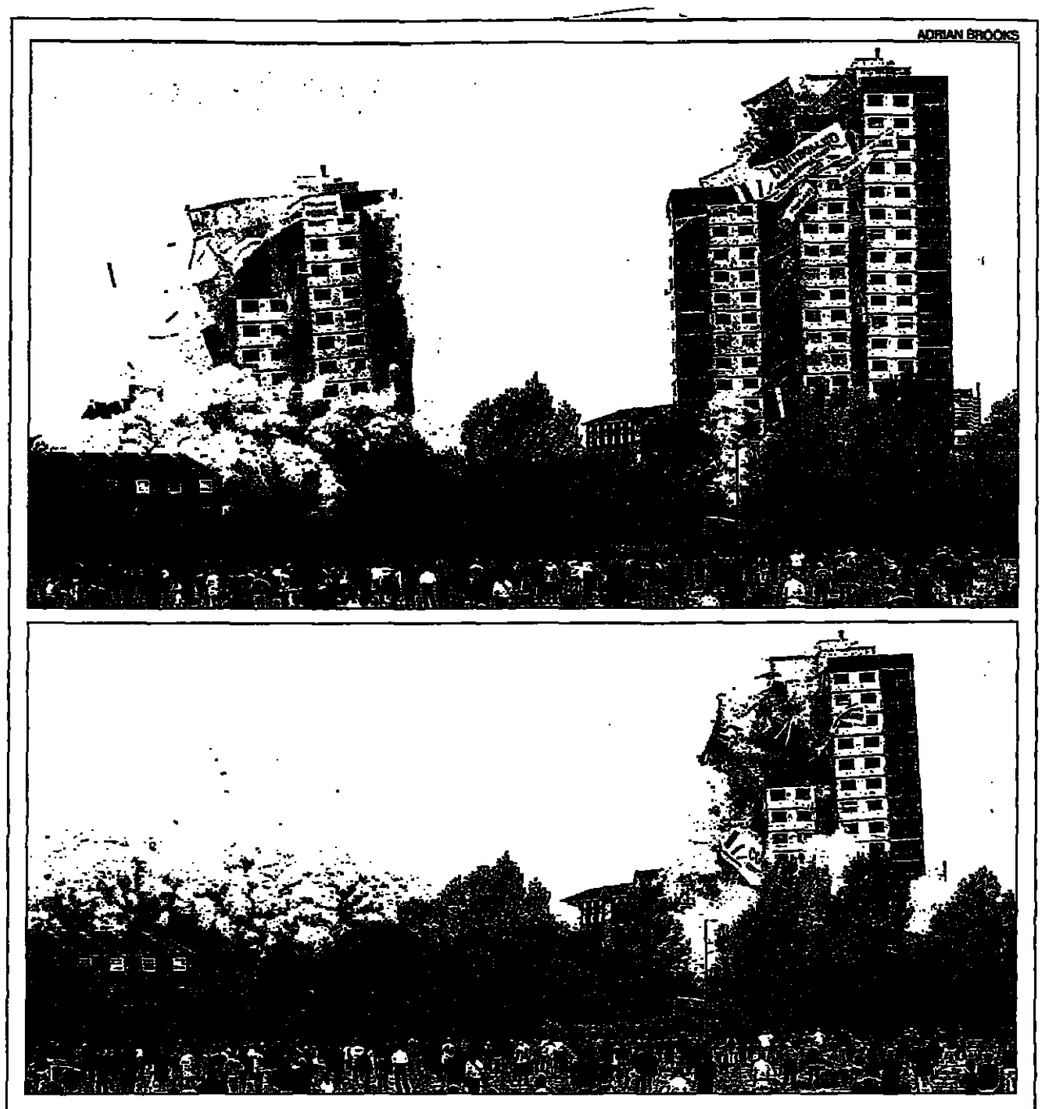
The solidification of the party around a revivalist rhetoric of traditional values at Blackpool produces a fleeting resemblance of peace that will prove electorily costly. Public concern is real enough, but the traditional values invoked at the conference do not embody what voters feel is most threatened in their lives. This is the common environment of public institutions and social practices that is being eroded by a combination of uncontrolled economic change and doctrinaire government policy. The swing to the right is unlikely to save John Major's leadership — and it represents another large step towards electoral disaster.

To defend the policies of the 1980s against the realities of the 1990s, which is the strategy of the Tory right, is an exercise in anachronism. Neither the condition of the party nor the mood in the country permits a revival of traditional Toryism. The listless and defensive tone of the present Tory leadership suggests that it may itself suspect that its historical fate is to preside over the strange death of Tory England.

The likelihood is that the Tories will be squeezed by a pincer movement in which Labour retains its northern strongholds while the Liberal Democrats make steady gains in the south. If Labour can make the cultural changes demanded of it, the party's historical role may turn out to be that of absorbing the culture of choice and wealth creation which is the benign inheritance of Thatcherism, while infusing it with a concern for conservation and community which the Tories appear to have lost. What more fitting epitaph for Thatcherism, than that it brought to power a genuinely conservative Labour party?

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ADRIAN BROOKS

Onlookers gathering yesterday to watch two tower blocks collapsing in clouds of dust to make way for houses with gardens and low-rise flats. Extra safety precautions were enforced after the death of a woman onlooker at a similar demolition in Glasgow this summer. About 3,000 residents were moved from flats around the 20-storey blocks in Hackney, east London, and moved to a marquee on Hackney Marshes. More than 25,000 tonnes of rubble crashed to the ground when Sister Ita Keana, 48, a nun who lived in one of flats, pressed the detonator button.

Think tank 'explodes' modern man's myths

BY NICK NUTTALL, ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

MODERN man is in the grip of environmentally based myths on a par with pixies, sea monsters and weather gods, claims a report published today by the right-wing think tank, the Adam Smith Institute.

Russell Lewis, former general director of the Institute of Economic Affairs, has compiled an A-Z of so-called environmental fictions, perpetrated by self-interested scientists, zealous environmentalists and misguided governments.

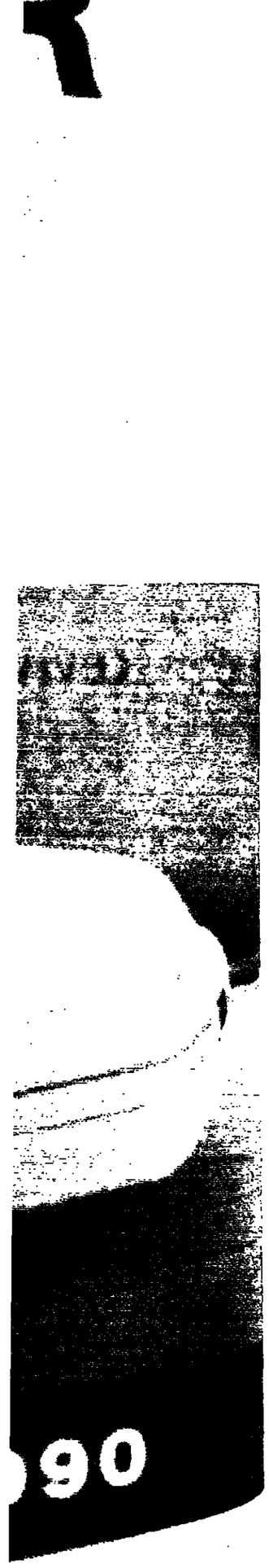
Recycling paper, the threats of acid rain and the pressure to re-usable cloth nappies all come in for a hammering as follies of modern, environmentally-misguided, man. Such enthusiasms, the product of fads and fancies backed up by vote-catching government regulations, are costing society "billions of pounds ... but have highly dubious validity", Mr Lewis claims.

He argues that the sensible application of market forces will tackle genuine environmental issues, citing the plight of African elephant. Numbers of elephants have increased in Botswana and Zimbabwe, where villagers can exploit them commercially. "Elephants have declined in Kenya where absolute protection is the rule," he says.

Indeed Mr Lewis goes so far as to call for the return of DDT, the pesticide linked with the decline of birds of prey in Britain and contaminating the food chain.

He attacks biodiversity, the attempt to preserve the earth's range of plant and animal species in the face of habitat loss. "Were it not for the extinction of the dinosaurs 65 million years ago the human race might never have developed," the report argues.

☐ The Environmental Alphabet *by Russell Lewis (Adam Smith Institute, £25).*



Revived Kasparov goes in for the clean kill

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BY RAYMOND KEENE, CHESS CORRESPONDENT

GARRY Kasparov, the world champion, won the 15th game of *The Times* World Chess Championship against Nigel Short at London's Savoy Theatre on Saturday night.

Once again, a packed audience thrilled to Kasparov's sparkling technique. However, Short, during the champion's time shortage, missed a chance to stay in the game.

Kasparov now leads by 10½ points to 4½, and needs another 1½ points to retain his title in the 24-game match, and two more points to clinch the lion's share of the £1.7 million prize fund.

After the game Kasparov said: "Short was unwise to play into my favourite opening, the Queen's Gambit Declined Exchange Variation. I have studied this intensively. This was an instructive textbook victory and the cleanest kill of the match."

Kasparov was in buoyant mood and seemed to have shed the tiredness that had dogged him in the previous week and a half.

White: Garry Kasparov
Black: Nigel Short
Queen's Gambit Declined

1	d4	d5
2	c4	e6
3	Nc3	Nf6
4	cxd5	exd5
5	Bg5	Be7
6	e3	0-0
7	Bd3	Nbd7

Short: "I have scored well on the Black side of the Queen's Gambit against both Gelfand and Timman in my previous qualifying matches. The strategy of setting up a rock-like defence was successful."

8	Nge2	Re8
9	0-0	Nf8
10	b4	

Kasparov: "I thought for a long time over this pawn sacrifice. If Short now accepts it with 10 ... Bxb4 I play 11 Bxf6 gxf6 12 Nxd5 Qxd5 13 Qa4 Bh3 14 Nf4 Qa5 15 Qxa5 Bxa5 16 Nxh3 Ne6 17 Rfd1 when I stand much better in the simplified position."

10	...	a6
11	a3	c6
12	Qc2	g6
13	f3	Ne6
14	Bh4	Nh5
15	Bxe7	Rxe7

Kasparov: "Short should have tried 15 ... Qxe7 with a playable position. Playing ... Rxe7 combined with ... b6 is a positional mistake."

16	Qd2	b6

Kasparov: "This move is definitely an error. Short wants to develop his bishop to b7 but now Black has a permanent weakness on the b6 square."

17	Rad1	Bb7
18	Bb1	Nhg7
19	e4	Rc8
20	Ba2	Rd7
21	Nf4	

Kasparov: "This is the star move of the game. It looks strange to relieve Black's cramp by exchanging pieces but in fact this move exposes all the weaknesses in Short's camp. If now 21 ... dxe4 22 Nxe6 Nxe6 23 fxe4 Nxd4 24 Qf2 c5 25 Bxf7+ Kg7 26 Be6 Nxe6 27 Qf6+ Kh6 (if 27 ... Qxf6 28 Rxd7+ wins) 28 Qxe6 when I have a tremendous advantage."

21	...	Nxf4
22	Qxf4	Ne6
23	Qe5	Re7
24	Qg3	Qc7
25	Qh4	Ng7
26	Rc1	Qd8
27	Rfd1	Rcc7
28	Na4	dxe4

Short: "Of course, I mustn't play this. It gives Kasparov a strategically overwhelming position. I must play 28 ... Rcd7 and defend myself."

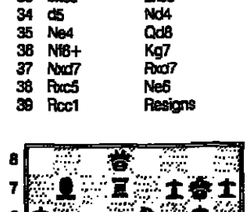
Kasparov: "I can understand that Nigel tried this very risky move in my time trouble. He had finally run out of patience and did not want to commit himself to the more passive 28 ... Rcd7 when I continue the attack with 29 e5 f5 30 exf6 Rf7 31 Bb1 Ne8 32 Re1 when I eventually arrive through the 'black holes' in Short's structure."

29	fxe4	Qe8

Short: "I should have played 29 ... Rcd7 when if 30 Nc3 Rxd4 31 Bxf7+ Kxf7 (if 31 ... Kh8 32 Bxg6) 32 Qf2+ Nf5 33 exf5 c5 at least I have some counterplay."

Kasparov: "This move is Short's decisive error. He had to play 29 ... Rcd7 when I would have continued 30 Kh1 Ne6 31 Bxe6 Rxe6 32 Qxd8 Rxd8 33 e5 when Black faces a very dim endgame. After 29 ... Rcd7 less clear is 30 Nc3 Rxd4 31 Bxf7+ Kxf7 32 Qf2+ Nf5 33 exf5 c5 34 fxg6+ Kxg6. Black's king is exposed, but he is well centralised and his bishop is powerful."

30	Nc3	Rcd7
31	Qf2	Ne6
32	e5	c5
33	bxc5	bxc5
34	d5	Nd4
35	Ne4	Qd8
36	Nf6+	Kg7
37	Nxd7	Rxd7
38	Rxc5	Ne6
39	Rcc1	Resigns



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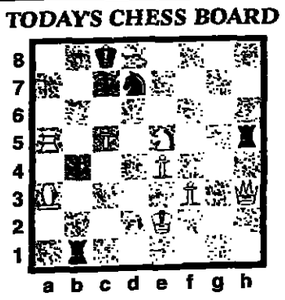
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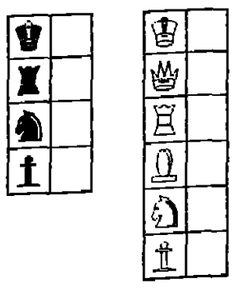
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Greek voters bewail election offering little real change

FROM TOM RHODES IN ATHENS

■ The battle of the "dinosaurs" has left most Greeks unmoved. Many are clearly bored by the protracted septuagenarian stranglehold in the parliament

AN AIR of ambivalence swept Greece yesterday as the nation went to the polls in the firm knowledge that once again the immediate result could not change a political culture which has dominated the country since the collapse of the military junta in 1974.

First results indicated that the Panhellenic Socialist Movement (Pasok) of Andreas Papandreou were ahead of their main rival, the New Democracy Party, led by Constantine Mitsotakis. Some doubt remained about an unusually high number of undecided voters who could affect the balance before the final result is announced today.

The breakaway Conservative Political Spring party led by Antonis Samaras, the former foreign minister, remained an unknown quantity although many observers felt it likely that any votes in his favour would come at the expense of Mr Mitsotakis. While more than eight million voters had a choice of 27 parties, the only other groupings likely to receive the required 3 per cent needed for a seat in the 300-member parliament were the Communists and, perhaps, the Left Coalition.

A traditional, vote inducing ban on the sale of alcohol came into force before polls opened and continued until this morning, but it was thought the warm weather provided more of an incentive in a country where voting is deemed mandatory. Initial predictions suggested that more than 80 per cent of the electorate would actually make it to the polling booths.

The election has been widely viewed as the most significant event in 30 years, as instability in the former Yugoslovia and strained relations between Greece and its neighbours Albania and the former Yugoslavian republic of Macedonia have lured the country towards an unpleasant Balkan quagmire. Simultaneously the chronically weak economy, which relies heavily on European Community subsidies, has left Greece precariously placed to assume the EC presidency in January.

Despite the importance of the poll, many Greeks are clearly bored by the septuagenarian stranglehold in parliament. The campaign between the two dinosaurs, as the main contenders are known, has been fought not so much on the importance of the issues as the trading of insults and this has done little to inspire an already disaffected electorate.

If he wins, Mr Papandreou, an ailing 74, would count it as an extraordinary personal victory vindicating his name after the £130-million Bank of Crete scandal and his much-publicised marriage to a mistress almost half his age. His health is extremely poor and while many Greeks will vote for his party they must hope for a change in leadership soon afterwards.

Mr Mitsotakis, 75, has said he will resign if the election is lost. Even if he secures victory, a high unpopularity rating will make his position untenable. Many colleagues in New Democracy have tried to distance themselves from a leader perceived to have served the interests of his family and business associates. His government's austerity programme has been hugely unpopular, lowering the standard of living among both the middle and working classes.

It appears unlikely that either party will gain the 180 seats necessary for prolonged government, in which case a further election will take place in 18 months.

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Andreas Papandreou arriving at an Athens polling station yesterday accompanied by his wife, Dimitra



Models displaying lively printed linen outfits by Jean-Charles Castelbajac at the spring/summer 1994 fashion previews in Paris. He also designed the shoes, which were made by the Russian sculptor, Gosha

Foreigners star in fashion circus

BY IAIN R. WEBB, FASHION EDITOR

AS THE fashion circus moved to Paris this weekend, the reputed fashion capital of the world had to face the fact that it was the foreign names who were grabbing the headlines.

On Friday, the opening day of a week of continual spring/summer 1994 preview presentations, the first show by the Belgian Dries Van Noten set the tone. Van Noten showed a pretty collection full of floral dresses, cropped waistcoats and wrap skirts in vibrant spice colours giving a hint of an Indian summer.

Then it was the turn of the Japanese. Issey Miyake and Comme des Garcons, designed by Rei Kawakubo, established their names in Paris in the early 1980s. Both presented strong collections featuring their own particular brand of fashion which verges on the intellectual.

However, it was British "bad boy" John Galliano who had the audience jumping to their feet to applaud his lavish showing. Galliano's love of the theatrical emerged once again as he opened his show with models dressed in Miss Haversham-style faded lace and overblown crinoline skirts, dust falling from their elaborate hairdos. These were followed by 1930s gangsters in tailored trouser suits and their molls in bias-cut slip dresses. The finale featured evening gowns fit for a deposed Prussian princess who had escaped with the crown jewels, proudly displayed on swanky satin sashes. They deserved an ovation, which is exactly what the bleached-haired Galliano received.

On Saturday, the Japanese designer Yohji Yamamoto showed his version of punk rock: clashing fluorescent pink and black on billowing tunics, spray canning stripes and spots on to slip dresses in navy and grey.

The collection in sombre black, grey, navy and white of another Belgian, Ann Demeulemeester, included a permanently rucked up shirt that will prove the bête noire of dry cleaners the world over.

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Council o Europe tackles rights

BY MICHAEL BINYON DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

THIRTY-TWO European n tions decided at the weeke to strengthen the hum rights powers of the Council Europe. Leaders at the tw day summit in Vienna al agreed to make the Europe Court of Human Rights mc accessible to the public — move on which Britain a peared to have reservations

The final declaration gave warning of the dangers resurgent nationalism, esp cially in the Balkans, whi President Mitterrand France described as a canc eating at the heart of Europ

The court is to become a fu time body, allowing cases be brought more quickly a its three judges will be able refuse to hear hopeless cas without having to wait for t European Commission of H man Rights to examine ther Litigants will still have to e haust legal processes in the own countries before going the Strasbourg court.

Britain was represented l Lord MacKay of Clashfer the Lord Chancellor, who sa that the time cases took had be reduced. He added, howe er, that any change should l able to stand the test of tin and the high standard jurisprudence must be mai tained.

The summit agreed th procedures needed to l streamlined. Nine natio have joined the council sin 1989 and by last year t number of cases before t court was 1,861 compared wi 404 in 1981.

The declaration said that t protection of national mino ities in Europe was "an esse tial element of stability ar democratic security in ou continent".

At the Vienna meeting, t council welcomed, as ne candidate members, Russi Ukraine, Belorussia, Mold via, Latvia, Albania and Cr atia. In most of those countri the protection of minorities a matter of controversy an one likely to delay full men bership of the council.

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Yeltsin orders soviet elections in assault on local resistance

FROM ANNE MCELVOY IN MOSCOW

■ Critics say the Russian leader is moving too far, too fast. He appears keen to consolidate his power before visiting Tokyo for talks on the disputed Kurile islands

BORIS Yeltsin moved at the weekend to subdue the final bastion of resistance, despite concern among some ministers and key supporters that he is moving too far, too fast.

The president decreed that Russia's regional soviets (councils) should be subordinate to local administrators loyal to him and ordered elections to new local councils in the 66 Russian regions to be held simultaneously with parliamentary elections in December. The decree advises the 22 autonomous republics to follow suit.

The move is Mr Yeltsin's last offensive on the eve of a postponed trip to Tokyo, which will be dominated by the fate of the four Kurile islands seized by the Soviet Union at the end of the second world war and which Japan wants returned before it will consider granting aid to Moscow. Until now, Moscow's hands have been tied by the hardline opposition's refusal to contemplate a change in the islands' status.

Notwithstanding his parliamentary foes being conquered, President Yeltsin seems unsure of what to do about the territories. Viktor Chernomyrdin, the Russian prime minister, caused a diplomatic scandal two months ago when he said that the return of the Kuriles to Japan was not on the agenda. Other aides have said since that the islands will, sooner of later, be returned.

Given the president's current high-energy mood, anything is possible, although he will be wary of providing the opposition with fodder for its nationalist stance in the run-up to the elections. His ruling on the soviets stopped short of summarily dissolving the councils after some of his ministers, notably Sergei Shakrai, his favoured aide and deputy prime minister, had expressed doubts about the extent of Mr Yeltsin's authoritarian approach.

The soviets are the foundation of local power structures and enjoy immense authority, particularly in areas distant from Moscow. The decree will test the nerve of their leaders, many of whom have said that they want to pass their own referendums or constitutions before dissolving existing legislative power structures.

In Moscow, the state of emergency imposed during the fighting last Sunday has been extended for a further week with a nightime curfew. Only one senior participant in last week's unsuccessful rebellion remains uncaptured: Ilya Konstantinov, head of the militant National Salvation Front.

Yesterday, crowds clustered in the autumn sunshine on the Kutuzovsky bridge, presenting an uneasy throwback to the sights of a week ago, when demonstrators massed there to bring down Mr Yeltsin and his reforms. This time, however, they were armed with cameras rather than clubs, as Muscovites and tourists converged on the greatest attraction in town: the blackened White House, bombarded by pro-Yeltsin forces.

Pensioners stood and clucked over the damage, comparing it with the ravages of the second world war, and children were given potted accounts of the clashes, each with the narrator's own spin. Out of the varying accounts the first draft of history was being written. But most of the crowd seemed content to gawp, the more prosperous filming the rubble and tank tracks with video recorders, the latest example of the westernisation that die-hard conservatives wanted to reverse with their insurrection.

With the curfew, the population is getting used to long nights indoors and jokes about a resultant rise in the birth rate are doing the rounds. The city's nightlife has reverted to Soviet standards with no clubs open and restaurants closing at nine to allow staff to travel home.

Underworlds of Russia and Italy seal crime pacts

BY JOHN PHILLIPS IN ROME AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

RUSSIAN criminals have sealed pacts with Italy's main Mafia groups to carve up the trade in drugs and nuclear material, a leading Italian investigator said yesterday.

Luciano Violante, chairman of Italy's parliamentary committee of enquiry into the Mafia, said Russia had become "a kind of strategic capital of organised crime from where all the major operations are launched".

He told Italian state radio's GR-1 news the Russian mafia had held at least two summits with the three main Italian crime organisations since 1991 to "discuss drug money laundering, the narcotics trade and selling nuclear material". He added: "Just think of what kind of opportunities are being offered by the privatisation process in eastern Europe and you realise what a market had been opened for drug money laundering."

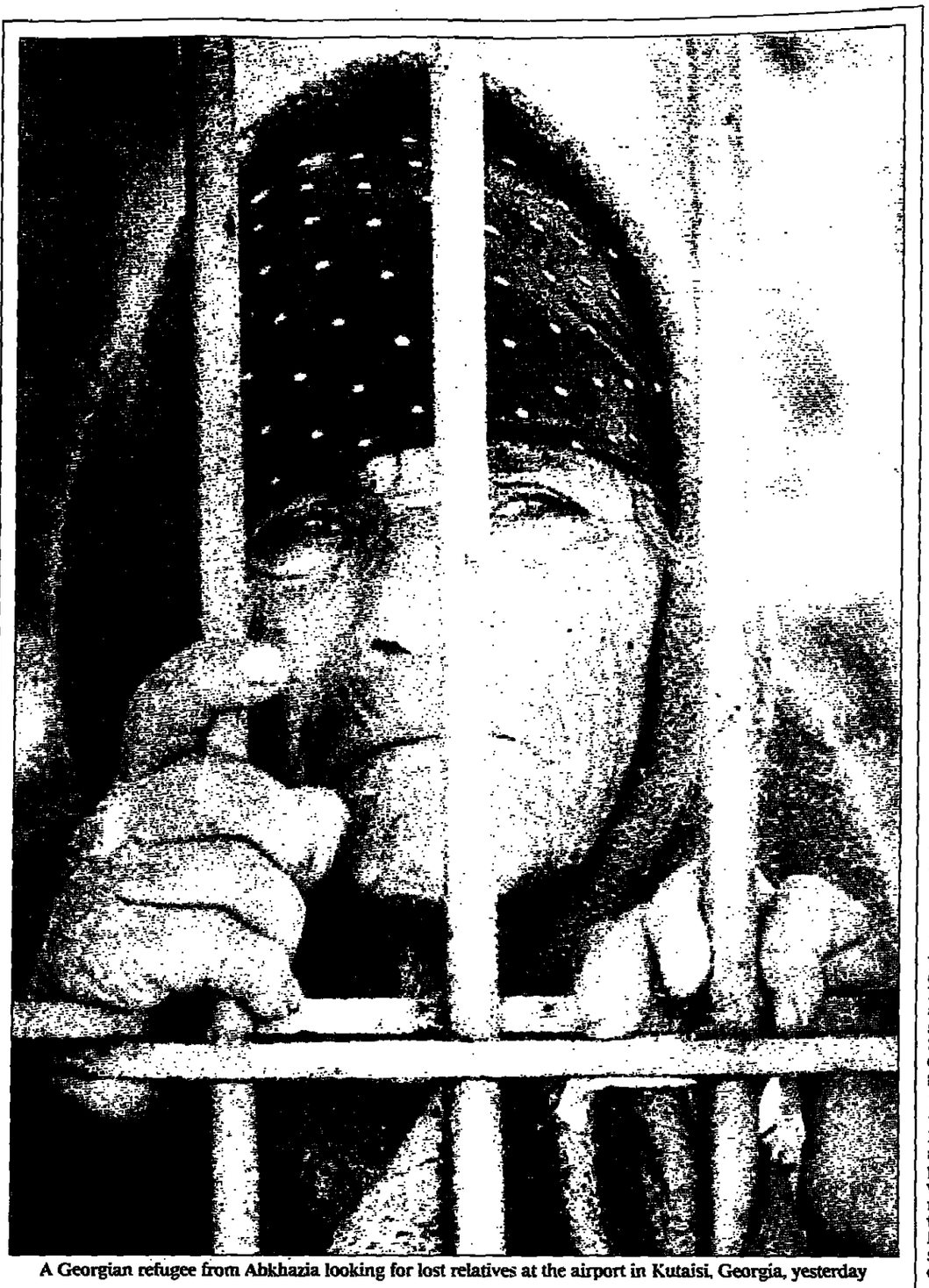
He said one summit was held in Warsaw in March 1991 and a second in Prague last October. The Sicilian Mafia, the Neapolitan Camorra and the Calabrian 'Ndranghetta were all represented at those meetings with Russian crime bosses.

"Men from the former KGB, from Russian organised crime and Italian organised crime took part in the meetings," Signor Violante, a member of the former communist Democratic Party of the Left, told a police academy conference on Saturday. "Russia is becoming a strategic point for organised crime because of the lack of specialised legislation. Controls are more limited on drug trafficking, on smuggling of radioactive material and on money-laundering, which is carried out by buying state firms."

The police said yesterday that they had arrested a Cosa Nostra boss on charges of organising the car bomb that killed Paolo Borsellino, the anti-Mafia judge, last year and had charged another gangster with murdering a Sicilian businessman who refused to meet extortion demands.

Officers of the anti-Mafia police unit captured Salvatore Profeta, head of the Mafia in the Palermo district of Santa Maria di Gesù, at Piombino in Tuscany, where he had fled after the attack that killed Borsellino and five of his police bodyguards in the Sicilian capital.

Signor Profeta, 52, is believed to be a member of the Madonia clan of the Cosa Nostra. He is also the brother-in-law of Enzo Scarantino, who is alleged to have supplied the Fiat 126 car used in the bombing.



A Georgian refugee from Abkhazia looking for lost relatives at the airport in Kutaisi, Georgia, yesterday

Refugees flee Abkhazian attack

FROM ELIF KABAN IN CHUBERI, GEORGIA

THOUSANDS of Georgian refugees are fleeing through the mountains from the rebel assault in the Black Sea region of Abkhazia.

Shio Miechuania was a law student in the regional capital Sukhumi, captured by Abkhazian separatists 12 days ago. "There were tanks and armoured vehicles on the road. The only way to get out was by swimming. We swam for hours. The whole town was burning and the snipers did not see us," he said.

Mr Miechuania was one of the refugees who fled the Sukhumi area through mountain passes and down into the region of Svanetia, where they waited for helicopters to take them to safety. Hundreds of people, some of whom had walked for 15 days from Sukhumi, were sitting on the ground with bundles of possessions and suitcases tied with rope.

"Today, we had only 20 helicopters but we need lots more to find people scattered all over the mountains," said Javier Cantada, a Spanish doctor working for the French humanitarian group Médecins Sans Frontières.

A woman, her face caked in blood and her hands bandaged, lay quietly on a stretcher. "I was in a car fleeing the city. Gunmen stopped us and demanded my rings. Then they threw a grenade under the vehicle," she said.

The government says up to 150,000 refugees are fleeing the Abkhazian rebellion. Russia promised on Friday to provide helicopters and trucks to help to evacuate them.

A line of people trudged down a dirt track leading from the mountains, telling of blizzards and thick snow. "We have been walking for 12 days," said a woman carrying a baby. Avtandil Guliashvili, a Red Cross doctor, said: "There are still at least 5,000 people in the mountains. The aid is not enough."

The wailing of women accompanying a funeral cortège mingled with gunfire from the mountains. Helicopter pilots said rebels were firing at fleeing people.

"She died an hour ago from a heart attack. She was my grandmother," said a weeping man next to one of half a dozen freshly-dug graves. *(Reuter)*

NEWS IN BRIEF

Serbs halt UN aid to beseiged Muslims

Sarajevo: United Nations officials said relief convoys headed for two beseiged Muslim towns were held up at the last moment yesterday by Serb authorities in Banja Luka (Our Foreign Staff write).

Ray Wilkinson, a spokesman for the UN High Commissioner for Refugees, said the convoy would stay in the Bosnian Serb stronghold of Banja Luka for the night. "We are hoping to try again tomorrow." The two convoys were carrying 250 tonnes of aid for the Muslim towns of Maglaj and Tesanj. More than 100 days have passed since aid convoys last reached them.

In Zagreb, two Croatian army officers have been dismissed in an investigation into the massacre of Serb civilians in villages near Gospic in southwest Croatia, according to a defence ministry statement. It said the dismissals were intended to ensure an objective investigation into "possible violation of international war law".

A report by the UN last week accused Croatian troops of killing dozens of civilians in Serb-held villages last month.

Ferry sinks

Puan, South Korea: More than 170 people were feared dead after a ferry packed with holidaymakers, fishermen and islanders capsized and sank off the west coast of South Korea, 135 miles south of Seoul. Seventy-four passengers were rescued. *(Reuter)*

Martyrs named

Rome: The Pope yesterday beatified two bishops, eight priests and a school teacher who died as Roman Catholic martyrs in the first months of the 1936-9 Spanish Civil War. Beatification is usually the last stage before people are declared saints. *(Reuter)*

Doctor killed

Algiers: Suspected Muslim fundamentalists shot dead a prominent children's doctor inside an Algiers hospital, state media said. The victim, Djilali Ben Kenchir, 52, had actively opposed the now-banned Islamic Salvation Front. *(AFP)*

German held

Nicosia: Iranian authorities said they had arrested a German for having illegal ties with the military, a phrase usually used to refer to spying. The Islamic Republic News Agency, monitored here, named him as Gerhard Alfred Bechmann. *(AP)*

Patten warned

Hong Kong: China has told Chris Patten, the governor of Hong Kong, not to interfere in the case of Xi Yang, a Hong Kong-based reporter arrested on spying charges, and described the issue as a criminal case unrelated to normal reporting. *(Reuter)*

Mock battle

Yaosubetsu: Japan's largest post-war military exercises ended with a mock air-land battle at an army range on Hokkaido island. The entire armed forces, 150,000 soldiers, 40,000 sailors and 45,000 airmen, took part. *(Reuter)*

Aliyev sworn in

Baku: Heidar Aliyev, 70, the former communist leader of Azerbaijan, has been sworn in as president of the Caucasus Mountain nation. He won nearly 99 per cent of the vote in presidential elections held on October 3, officials said. *(AP)*

Ship explodes

Galveston: The port of Houston, the United States' third largest, was closed to ocean-going traffic after explosions rocked an empty oil tanker, killing one man and leaving two others presumed dead at the mouth of the Houston ship channel. *(Reuter)*

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Haughty Balladur rides tide of popularity

■ His ascent has injected the first joker into the French political game for years and has upset the calculations of Jacques Chirac, the Gaullist who has long sought the presidency

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN PARIS

A NEW puppet has joined the gang of political caricatures in the *Bébête* show, the French equivalent of *Spitting Image*. Chomdu, a jobless workman, pops up to praise Edouard Balladur, his worship becoming all the more extravagant as the prime minister announces more bad news for the taxpayer.

Chomdu, whose name is a play on *chômeur* (an unemployed person), stands for the paradoxical chemistry between the Gaullist prime minister and the public, a love affair that has extended well beyond a honeymoon as he notches up six months in office.

More popular than any prime minister of the Fifth Republic, which marks its 35th anniversary this week, M Balladur has confounded the sound-bite age. France is being governed from the prime minister's office rather than by the presidency or in tandem with the president.

A patrician, rather haughty figure with a fondness for irony, fussy subjunctives and Havana cigars, M Balladur has absolutely no common touch. He made minimal promises on taking office and talks of sacrifice and the long haul: he has raised taxes and cut pensions. Yet he sails serenely on in the polls with only the occasional bump.

The unflappable self-confidence and Edwardian manners, combining in a style that has given birth to a new adjective, *balladurien*, seem to be just what a disoriented France wants after a surfeit of rhetoric and political theatre. He could come unstuck in the quarrel over farm trade or with worsening unemployment, but with presidential elections only a year and a half away, the caretaker technocrat who affects little ambition has emerged as the favourite to succeed President Mitterrand.

His ascent has injected the first joker into the sclerotic French political game for years and has upset the calculations of Jacques Chirac, the Gaullist who has been seeking the presidency since the 1970s.



Edouard Balladur has kept aloof from political squalls

Instead of modestly holding the fort with a transitional team while waiting for M Chirac in 1995, M Balladur has drawn power away from the lame-duck president, drawing a line under a decade of socialism. Unlike his prickly power-sharing with the hot-headed M Chirac in the mid-1980s, M Mitterrand has adopted the role of constitutional monarch. He appreciates M Balladur's qualities and has done little beyond the odd skirmish to obstruct him. The prime minister is helped by the continuing paralysis of the defeated Socialists and by M Mitterrand's supposed delight at scuppering Michel Rocard, his old left-wing rival.

The political world is deriving malicious delight this autumn from watching M Chirac's strained protestations of support for "Dear Edouard". "Edouard Balladur and I will never be competitors and I want this to be understood both by politicians and public opinion," M Chirac insisted the other day. M Balladur replied with a self-effacing but double-edged declaration of loyalty in return. As Franz-Oliver Giesbert, editor of *Le Figaro*, notes in a new book, M Balladur, the immigrant son of a Levantine banking family, seems to live by an old Persian saying: "Why use poison if you can kill with honey?"

Embargo-busters defy US ban on travel to Cuba

FROM DAVID ADAMS IN HAVANA

A GROUP of 175 Americans flew to Cuba yesterday in open defiance of the US economic embargo against Cuba to protest against a 30-year-old ban on travel to the communist-ruled island.

The group left the morning after 100,000 Cuban exiles marched in Miami in support of the embargo, one of the largest anti-Castro demonstrations in three decades. The exiles marched through Miami's Little Havana calling for democracy in Cuba and a toughening of the embargo.

"The United States is the only Western democracy that treats travel as a crime," Medea Benjamin, a director of the San Francisco-based Freedom to Travel Campaign, said. "It makes no sense that we can travel almost anywhere in the world, but our government prevents us from visiting Cuba."

The US treasury warned the group before they left that they could face up to ten years in prison and a $250,000 (£164,000) fine for making the illegal trip. "They will be in violation of US law and be subject to penalties," Bob Levine of the treasury said.

Two Cuban American members of Congress, Lincoln Diaz Balart and Ileana Ros Lehtinen, both Florida Republicans, urged Warren Christopher, the Secretary of State, to prosecute the embargo-busters. "Unless we prosecute those who violate the law, our policy is in danger of becoming a farce," they said in a joint statement.

During a week-long stay in Havana the group plans to deliver a donation of insulin to a children's hospital and help to build a US-Cuba friendship park. The group includes doctors, businessmen, housewives, children and pensioners. Pam Montanero, a mother of six from Alabama, said: "I do not want to go to jail or pay an enormous fine. But there are times when you must stand up for what you believe in."

Under the embargo, only Americans travelling on government business, journalists, academic researchers and Cuban American exiles with relatives in Cuba are allowed to visit the island.

Groups opposing the embargo may apply for special licences to deliver humanitarian aid to Cuba. But recently groups have increasingly defied US law by refusing to seek a licence. In the past year, the group Pastors for Peace has made two unlicensed trips to Cuba with medical and other supplies.

So far the treasury department has appeared reluctant to prosecute offenders, despite issuing regular threats. Latin American policy-makers in the Clinton administration are known privately to favour lifting at least some elements of the embargo, including the travel ban. But the White House is more anxious to avoid upsetting the vociferous right-wing Cuban-American lobby that is violently opposed to any softening of the embargo.

The travel ban was first imposed in 1963 by the J.F. Kennedy administration as part of the Trading With The Enemy Act. Briefly lifted by President Carter, it was reinstated when Ronald Reagan became president.

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Young widows and yellow ribbons feed American anguish



Oakley: envoy seeking a deal in Mogadishu

FROM WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU IN WASHINGTON

■ The military debacle in Somalia is stirring bad memories for many Americans. They want the president to bring the boys home now

AMERICA has been here before, several times. Yellow ribbons of remembrance again decorate the country's front porches, especially in the town of Berlin, New Hampshire; body bags are arriving at Andrews Airforce Base awaiting a solemn ceremony; while at Arlington National Cemetery a young widow grieves for her soldier husband killed in Mogadishu.

And then there are the pictures, which triggered off the recent outrage: scenes of Somalis dragging the corpse of an American soldier through Mogadishu and the video of Michael Durant, who was captured during an ambush that left 15 Americans dead. Mr Durant, the boy from Berlin, New Hampshire, has been portrayed by the media as the all-American boy, any American mother's son.

Americans already fear Somalia is another Vietnam. No less worrying for President Clinton is the fact that, despite his efforts to explain how Somalia policy in detail last week during a televised address from the Oval Office, most Americans disagree with him. They want the United States to withdraw either immediately, or within a very short time, but not within the six months outlined by the president.

Lurking behind America's latest foreign trauma are a number of past misadventures. For the American public, the conflict in Somalia invokes a series of overlapping pictures and memories. The bodybags and the funerals remind them of Vietnam. The taped video of Warrant Officer Durant reminds them of Beirut; the yellow ribbons in New Hampshire, and the emotional appeals by Mr Durant's wife, Lorrie, remind them of several previous conflicts, but above all the Gulf War. President Clinton's Oval Office address reminds them of Jimmy Carter just before the 1980 election, which he lost after failing to free American hostages in Tehran.

The debacle in Somalia has highlighted this administration's confusion over foreign affairs. The question being asked the most over the weekend was not what has gone wrong with American policy, but why it has gone wrong. The current policy, of doubling the American presence to more than 10,000 troops while setting a deadline of March 31 for withdrawal, is the basis for the deal reportedly being broached in Mogadishu by Robert Oakley, Mr Clinton's special envoy. The move has reluctant bipartisan support in Washington, but this support is above all a recognition that there is little else to be done, since an immediate withdrawal would amount to a real presidential nightmare: defeat-by-television.

The situation is the result of a series of policy mistakes, such as the raid on the headquarters of General Muhammad Farrah Aidid, the Somali warlord, which more than anything else contributed to a "personalisation" of the conflict. The American operation, after all, started out last year as a well-defined intervention with the aim of alleviating starvation and then handing over the relief operation to the United Nations. The US, which is now subtly blaming Admiral Howe, the UN commander, for the debacle, became drawn into a messy military operation against a crafty local chieftain posing as a national hero resisting the "neo-imperialists". The original American aims became blurred.

Politically, the most important consequence is that the Clinton administration's brief love affair with UN-led multilaterism in foreign policy, with America playing a subordinate role, is all but at an end. In his recent speech to the UN general assembly, Mr Clinton outlined the need for peacekeeping operations to be better defined. However, the notion that America can simply give up its world leadership by seeking refuge under a multilateral UN umbrella is off the agenda. Mr Clinton and his foreign policy team will have to go back to the drawing board. They will be asking some fundamental questions, such as what constitutes strategic interests and how they can best be achieved. The Clinton administration, although successful in the Middle East, has shown inconsistency, not to say incoherence, on other foreign issues.

Warren Christopher, Secretary of State, insisted yesterday that the US was doing no more than shifting the focus of its policy from hunting down General Aidid to the search for a wider political solution. But this glosses over a much deeper question: the use, or misuse, of American troops. Sam Nunn, chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, yesterday voiced concern about the despatch of American troops to Haiti, saying: "I do not think the case for this has yet been made."

Many more such doubts will be voiced about American military operations in the wake of the Somali fiasco.

Mogadishu rally, page 1

Israel vows Arab attacks will not hurt PLO accord

■ In the dangerous lull before the peace deal with Palestinians can be implemented, Yitzhak Rabin, Israel's prime minister, is courting China's approval for the deal

FROM BEN LYNFIELD IN JERUSALEM AND JONATHAN MIRSKY, EAST ASIA EDITOR

ISRAEL indicated yesterday that worsening attacks by Arab hardliners would not diminish its determination to implement peace arrangements with the Palestine Liberation Organisation and to relinquish army authority in the occupied territories.

Yossi Sarid, the environment minister, said: "It must be understood that we are talking about a risky period because the old situation has disappeared and the new situation has not yet gone into effect."

Security forces continued yesterday to search for a possible third victim in an attack by Arab gunmen on Saturday that left two Israeli hikers dead in Wadi Qelt, near Jerusalem.

In a separate incident, the Israeli navy shot and killed an armed guerrilla riding a jet-ski boat on Saturday from Lebanon towards Israel, military officials said. The Damascus-based Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine took responsibility for the foiled seaborne raid, saying that a Syrian member of the front was killed by Israeli gunboats.

Yitzhak Rabin, the prime minister of Israel, is in Peking today to bolster the long and often secret relationship between Israel and China.

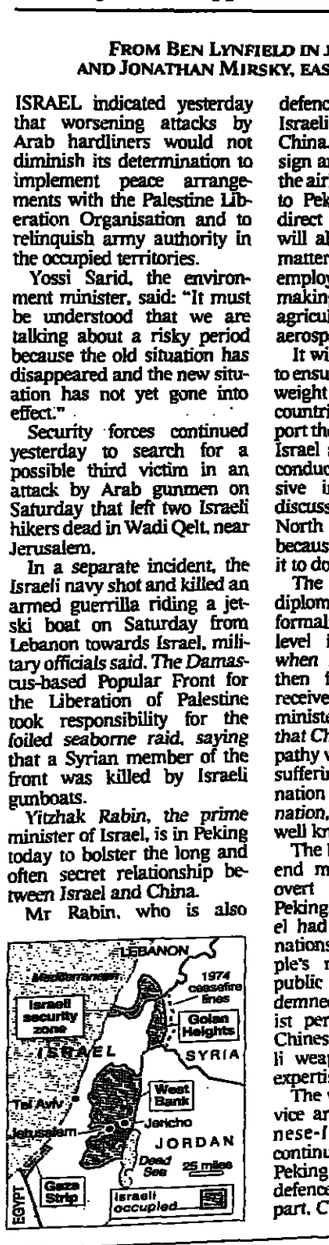
Mr Rabin, who is also defence minister, is the first Israeli prime minister to visit China. While in Peking he will sign an agreement permitting the airline El Al a weekly flight to Peking, thus providing a direct Israeli-Asia airline. He will also discuss agricultural matters — China has been employing Israeli expertise in making deserts suitable for agriculture for years — and aerospace sales.

It will also fall to Mr Rabin to ensure that China throws its weight behind those Arab countries and forces that support the recent accord between Israel and the PLO. Israel is conducting a diplomatic offensive in Asia and stopped discussions in Peking with North Korean diplomats only because the Americans asked it to do so.

The Rabin visit cements diplomatic ties that were formalised at the ambassador level in January last year when David Levy, who was then foreign minister, was received by Li Peng, the prime minister, who told Mr Levy that China "expressed its sympathy with the Jewish nation's sufferings in history. This nation is a diligent and wise nation, bringing out many well known thinkers."

The Levy visit brought to an end more than 40 years of overt public hostility from Peking, although in 1950 Israel had been among the first nations to recognise the people's republic. Although in public Peking has long condemned Israel as an imperialist persecutor of Arabs, the Chinese covertly bought Israeli weapons and agricultural expertise.

The weapons sales and service are the part of the Chinese-Israeli relationship continued by the meeting in Peking between Mr Rabin as defence chief and his counterpart, Chi Haotian.





Military cadets parading posters of Sun Yat-sen, founding father of the Republic of China, and, behind, of Chiang Kai-shek, former president of Taiwan, during a march yesterday marking the country's 82nd National Day. President Lee told spectators that Taiwan must break out of its world isolation

Parents of murdered white student forgive her killers

BY RAY KENNEDY IN JOHANNESBERG AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

THE parents of Amy Biehl, the murdered American research fellow, laid flowers yesterday at the place where she was hacked and beaten to death by radical black youths and forgave her killers.

"We have no anger or remorse with respect to Cape Town or South Africa. Our daughter was doing what she wanted to do. She was always involved in important things," Peter Biehl told reporters on the first full day of a week-long visit to South Africa.

Linda Biehl said her daughter, who died on the last day of her ten-month Fulbright research fellowship at the mainly black University of the Western Cape, would not have welcomed the attention being paid to her killing. "Amy would have been embarrassed," she added. "She said over and over again that there were hundreds upon hundreds of black people who lost their lives and no one even knew their names."

Mr Biehl, their other children and Amy's boyfriend, Scott Meinert, attended an emotional church service in Guguletu, the black township where she was killed on August 26 while taking black university colleagues home after a farewell party. Seven youths have been accused of killing her; they will be tried in Cape Town later this year.



Amy Biehl: fuss would have embarrassed her

The family went from the church to the place where Amy, 26, was murdered as she begged for mercy from a group of youths shouting the radical Pan Africanist Congress slogan "One settler, one bullet". Accompanied by about 300 supporters the family took turns to place small bunches of flowers against the wooden fence where she died.

Mrs Biehl said she had met friends of her daughter whom she had seen on a video film of her cremation service, adding: "To look at people's faces, to touch their hands was an incredible experience." Mr Biehl said of yesterday's service: "It was very beautiful. I think we came away feeling very good about the quality of the company our daughter kept."

Yesterday South African whites were warned to avoid the Transkei homeland as the government sought to justify the killing of five youths by troops in a raid on an alleged safe house used by the Azanian People's Liberation Army, the armed wing of the Pan Africanist Congress, in Umtata, the Transkei capital, on Friday.

In a statement issued in Pretoria, the foreign affairs department said that if whites had to drive through the territory they should form convoys and travel only in daylight. If they encountered any form of disturbance, they should turn back.

Moi pins hopes on resumption of aid

FROM REUTER IN NAIROBI

PRESIDENT Moi of Kenya, celebrating 15 years in power, said yesterday the West was about to resume aid, which was suspended to force him to implement radical political and economic reforms.

"We have faced severe economic and social difficulties since the West denied us aid in 1991," President Moi told a 35,000-strong crowd at an anniversary rally in a Nairobi stadium. "The matter is now about to be resolved. Aid may be resumed," he said. The president was speaking on the eve of the arrival in Nairobi of a joint World Bank and International Monetary Fund mission to review measures Kenya has taken for economic reform.

President Moi said that Kenya had met the West's political demands by holding the first multiparty elections in 26 years, in which he beat a divided opposition to win another five-year term.

Bhutto wins vital votes in Punjab

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN LAHORE

BENAZIR Bhutto and her allies captured Punjab in nationwide provincial polls on Saturday, virtually clinching her return as prime minister in Islamabad three years after being ousted by the army.

Like federal elections three days earlier, the result was a cliffhanger. The Muslim League, headed by Mian Nawaz Sharif, captured most seats but Miss Bhutto's Pakistan People's Party claimed a majority because of support from independents and a breakaway league faction.

It was a remarkable performance by Miss Bhutto, who hardly dared hope that she might beat Mr Sharif, a wealthy Punjabi industrialist, on his home turf. Her party easily won the big southern province of Sindh, her home base.

Had she lost Punjab she could not have expected to head the federal government in Islamabad for long. More than half the Pakistani population of 120 million live there and it is the richest region.

Mr Sharif and allies are expected to form the government in the tribal-dominated North West Frontier Province. Independent candidates took the majority of seats in the sparsely populated desert province of Baluchistan.

Miss Bhutto claims to have support from independent MPs and small parties that will give her around 110 votes in the 217-member National Assembly in Islamabad. Despite her narrow victory in Punjab, she will still head a vulnerable administation.

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Death of American girl blamed on Beavis and Butt-head, scum of teenage life

Cult cartoon stirs fear and loathing

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK

IN THE wake of Madonna, rap musician Ice-T and even *Popeye*, two more characters from the world of popular culture now stand accused of polluting young American minds.

They are the eponymous anti-heroes of *Beavis and Butt-head*, a popular cartoon broadcast by the MTV cable network, which features a pair of brain-numbed adolescents who spend their time inanely giggling, strumming invisible guitars to rock music and setting fire to anything they can find.

Last week a five-year-old boy in Dayton, Ohio, ignited his bed clothes with a cigarette lighter after watching the pyromaniac antics of Beavis and Butt-head, according to his mother. The boy's younger sister, two, died in the ensuing blaze.

"When you take a child in the formative years and you get these cartoon characters saying it's fun to play with fire, this is going to stick in that kid's mind," said Harold Sigler, the local fire chief.

Beavis and Butt-head represent the scum of teenage life, resolutely crude and revolting. They mistreat animals, they scream and lust at girls, tell dirty jokes, sniff glue and generally cause and revel in maximum havoc.

In short, they accurately reflect the stupidities of modern American teenage life at its most extreme and they have rapidly become the most popular programme on MTV, spawning a wealth of merchandise from T-shirts and dolls to CDs. A full-length cartoon film, animated by Mike Judge, 30, is now in production.

As their names indicate, the cartoon is intended as a parody of the lives of many young Americans (they first emerged from a festival of "sick and twisted" cartoons last year), but the obnoxious pair have developed a cult following among juveniles for whom they plainly represent a convenient form of rebellion.



Resolutely revolting. Beavis and Butt-head reflect the stupidities of teenage life at their most extreme

Beavis and Butt-head-speak, involving regular use of vomiting noises as well as consistent "political incorrectness", has become de rigueur in many school playgrounds. The cartoon pair are direct descendants of Wayne and Garth, the characters from the film *Wayne's World*, who also lived for rock music and adolescent brainlessness, and proved to be box-office triumphs.

But what began as a satirical joke for young adults is now, according to many parents and teachers, staple television fare for young children who seek to imitate the cartoon pair's behaviour. Schools in South Dakota last week banned clothing and other items bearing the likeness of the miscreants.

Last Friday an MTV spokesman said the company would "re-examine issues regarding *Beavis and Butt-Head*". "Responsibly programming MTV has always been our top priority," he said. But responsibility, to quote Wayne and Garth, is what Beavis and Butt-head are all about. Not.

The glory that was Gloria

What does a princess do when she is down to her last seven castles? Roger Boyes reports



Sic transit Gloria ... the Princess of Thurn and Taxis will have to get by without the servant whose sole task was to wind up the castle's clocks

Almost 500 years of history and over 1,000cc of Harley Davidson will go under the hammer tomorrow, as one of Europe's most controversial young princesses sells off some family treasure to pay the German taxman.

It will be difficult to find a more poignant example of the financial decline of the aristocracy than this auction, organised by Sotheby's on behalf of the 33-year-old former punk and frenzied partygoer, Princess Gloria of Thurn and Taxis. Princes and dukes whose titles crowd the pages of the *Almanach de Gotha* are now taking their place alongside car workers and foundrymen as frontline victims of recession.

Princess Gloria, of course, is not exactly on her uppers. But she might in the coming nine days of bid and counter bid, spare a thought for 65-year-old Prince Emanuel von Hohenzollern, who can no longer afford servants to maintain his sprawling manor house in Hechingen in southern Germany. He lives in the attic and spends his day trying to keep the rest of the place clean. "I have to do the dusting, scrub the floors and wash my own shirts — that's how far things have come," he says.

Princess Gloria has a servant problem, too, but there is no risk yet of her having to do the washing up. A few years back — soon after her marriage in 1980 to a prince 35 years her senior — Princess Gloria needed a staff of 120 to run the 500-room castle in Regensburg and its vast hunting estate. The family seat is twice the size of Buckingham Palace.

Now the staff has been whittled down a bit. Certainly, after this week's sale it will no longer be necessary to employ the servant whose sole task was to wind up every one of the castle's clocks.

For the past month the auction lots have been crammed into the castle's rooms: 3,500 items of furniture, including 250 cabinets, 400 chairs and 150 tables. Paintings, prints, sepia brown photographs, some silver left-over from the last great Thurn and Taxis sale three years ago, 75,000 bottles of wine and two Harley Davidson motorbikes. Many of the pieces do not belong in the Regensburg castle at all. They were loaded there after shedding some other castles and manor houses.

Since 1920 the Thurn and Taxis family has divested 25 castles and the princess is down to her last seven. The first crisis came when her husband, Prince Johannes Baptista de Jesus Maria Louis Miguel Friedrich Bonifazius Lamoral von Thurn and Taxis, died of a heart attack in 1990. His estate was said to be worth £1 billion but nobody could be quite sure because his accounts were in a mess. He left death duties of £20 million and debts estimated at £220 million. This week's sale, say Sotheby's, should fetch in the region of £5.6 million.

But it is the bargain basement aspect of the sale that is most salutary. Last week many hundreds of ordinary Germans trooped through the rooms of the so-called Saint Emmeram castle and seriously considered snapping up such recession bargains as a cocktail shaker, price guide between £15 and £30. There was a whiff of revolution in the air, as if the visitors were inspecting Emelda Marcos's shoes or some hastily vacated imperial Russian bed chamber.

Germany has a profusion of princes and princesses, dukes and duchesses, margraves and margravines, dating back to the Holy Roman Empire. The monarchy was abolished under the post-war German constitution but the tabloids — and provincial snobbery — kept the aristocracy in the public view. Now there seems to be a popular feeling that the nobility is paying for the good times — the sinecures in banks and galleries, the free club memberships, the boardroom back scratching.

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Aristocrats are having to scramble to hang on to their wealth. Joachim Egon, Prince of Fuerstenberg, has, for example, been negotiating to sell his private collection of 15,000 ancient autographs, including original letters signed by Mozart.

Prince Karl Friedrich von Hohenzollern, meanwhile, has registered his historical name as a trademark; a prelude to marketing Hohenzollern products such as chocolates, clothes and shaving cream.

Some aristocrats sneer at their money-grabbing kin. There is even said to be a recession-proof racket in handing on titles. One princess, whose noble family has to remain anonymous for legal reasons, has been adopting adult women and endowing her new daughters with the family name on the assumption that they would thus find it easy to land a wealthy husband. After the marriage, the adopted daughters are presumably expected to show their gratitude to their mother.

This is all in the realm of harmless commerce, the German equivalent of setting up a safari park in the grounds. In Germany, however, the fall from grace is shocking to those who believe that the new united Germany could somehow take up where the Kaisers left off and find a social role once again for jobless princes.

Once Sotheby's has disposed of the latest batch of family treasure, Princess Gloria plans to convert a wing of the castle into a conference centre. The defence ministry has already shown an interest in using the castle.

Among all the media hustle of the past week, there was one indication that the princess felt some sentimental attachment to the family seat and to her old life. As onlookers fingered two ornate ice buckets, a slip of paper fell to the floor. "Princess to keep", it said; some baubles, it seemed, can simply never be sold.

Old Beaky's nose job



LIBBY PURVES

Scientific evidence, as old Bat Ears used to say, is there to be examined, not swallowed. I am grateful to him, and also to his colleague Brillo-Head, who used to stress the need for accurate measurement: and to the many lanky, tubby or red-nosed pedagogues who taught me to look at the world through sceptical eyes.

Otherwise I might have accepted without question the startling claim that teachers are flocking to cosmetic surgeons to get their faces seen to, because they cannot take the nicknames inflicted on them by their pupils. Assorted Baldies, Beakies and Jug-Lugs have — it was said — been queuing up at clinics. Had I instantly accepted the truth of this claim, I might have despaired of modern teachers and started railing at them like some abusive drunk or an education secretary at a fringe meeting.

However, since the news was fed to us by a private cosmetic hospital and supported by a clinic which does hair transplants, I am inclined to shave a bit off its credibility. Especially since the figure we are working on is 60 or 70 a year out of a profession of 410,000. Given that at least 50 per cent of the human race is physically imperfect, the reassuring conclusion is that 204,930 teachers are either unaware that their charges call them Baldilocks or Boglin-Features; or else that they are putting up with it with the same grace and humour they always did.

However 60 or 70 a year is quite a large number to come from a relatively low-paid profession: and if it is a thin end of a wedge, it still needs thinking about. There may not be an army of uncomely teachers rushing towards the surgeons' knives as yet, but there is clearly a small advance party including the geography master nicknamed Nozeambique cited by the clinic spokesman, and the jowly woman who had a facelift because her French class called her Hotel Dewlap.

Moreover, there is other evidence of personal insecurity within the profession: at least one teacher-training college has recently advised students called Ramsbottom or Nutts to work under a pseudonym. This piece of advice deeply shocked those of us who remember the bluff old days when no teacher thought twice about striding into a class of 12-year-old boys and introducing herself fearlessly as Mrs Carsey or Miss Nutter. There is a measurable drop in the chutzpah of schoolteachers.

And something must be done to stop it. Too long the victims of government attacks, too long the bearers of the brunt of social change and family collapse, teachers have more pressing worries than whether their classes call them Lardy or Skellybones. If they have any spare money they should not be spending it on new noses: they should spend it on exotic holidays or drink, to cheer them up.

Surgery will never work anyway. For one thing, any teacher whose nose mysteriously shrank over the summer holidays would have to change schools as well, else he would never hear the last of it in the staff room, let alone in class. And for another, children always did inhabit a world of lurid caricature. They find all adults bizarre. I happened to read the report at the beginning of a weekend in West Cork with an old school friend, and we passed the entire drive from Mizen Head to Ballydehob in reminiscing happily about various teachers who looked respectively like a Dutch doll, Emperor Hirohito, a toad, and a child molester (he was, actually; only we were damn good at dodging).

Joyfully we remembered Brunnhilde the Demon Matron, the nervous Latin mistress on whose car we wrote "I've got a toga in my tank" and the maths teacher with halitosis and mad green marbly eyes. And after ten miles or so we realised that we were actually rather fond of these freaks, and worked not badly for them.

If teachers today do find the ruthless scrutiny of their pupils too much to bear, the fault is not in their faces but in the ethos and discipline of schools: in huge-mixed ability classes, crumbling buildings, ever increasing workload and the burden of governmental insults and half-baked, hurriedly invented new schemes and tests. It may be these things which have made teachers feel suddenly naked to the slings and arrows of scornful youth; and if so, the surgeon's knife is not the answer.

If Bat Ears had had them pinned back we would have switched our attention to his Brylcream. But Bat Ears didn't, because he knew he was in charge. So did we.

TOMORROW



In the first of two essays from his new book, Stephen Hawking asks: in a world where everything is determined by the laws of science, can we have free will?

Kate Muir joins the voyeurs at one of America's endless chat shows

Half way to hell

If television is the window of America's soul, an analysis of daytime broadcasting indicates the nation is in need of a good psychotherapist. Once, there were occasional talk shows dotted between re-runs of *Son of Lassie* and *The Waltons*, but now daytime television has become one seamless, and seamy, confessional.

For nine consecutive hours a day, Monday to Friday, the American couch potato can watch Oprah-style talk shows, one after another. There is no escape. The viewer may start at 9am with "Women who visit erotic dance clubs", followed at 10am by Joan Rivers on "Male calendar models" and Montel Williams on "Larger size persons and romance". By lunchtime, it is "Romance between prison guards and inmates", and the afternoon is spent enjoying tales of "Being stalked", "He stole his sister's husband", and "Surrogate parenthood", ending with the telepunter's favourite, Oprah Winfrey, on "Violence in teen relationships".

Clearly, public debate on moral themes now takes place in the television studio rather than the church, so this reporter began a day's tour of the talk shows at 9am by slipping unnoticed into the Joan Rivers audience queue at CBS. The warm-up lady made the audience practise clapping at double time in order to create the impression of multitudes, and taught us to shout in unison: "From New York — Joan Rivers!" It emerged that Rivers's fans had come from all over America to share this moment. "I watch her every day," said a middle-aged woman from St Louis in Missouri, "and now I'm actually here!" She re-applied her Avon lipstick for close-ups, and confessed she had arranged a special holiday in New York. Another man had come from Israel. "She's Jewish, you know," he said.

Joan (by now we were all on first-name terms) marched out to rapturous applause and we marvelled at the distance between her high heels and the hem of her tiny skirt.

The theme of the day was "Enjoying your divorce", and Joan opened by smashing a wedding cake with a mallet and throwing the plastic bride and groom over her shoulder. "I vont it to be like House of Chanel or House of Dior, yes, but I vont the prices to be affordable for every voman." At this, the audience cheered.

Next up was a woman advocating divorce ceremonies to mark "the closure" of the relationship. She and her ex-husband had enjoyed a divorce ceremony, with her minister officiating, witnessed by her children, and they had a party and a cake. After a pause for advertisements, an anvil appeared in the studio, and a jewellery-maker announced this was for divorcees who wanted to smash their wedding rings, and make them into "a pin or a pendant — something more appropriate". Maureen, disastrously married for just three months, hammered her gold band into a blob. The ceremony was rather medieval — the only difference being the public exorcism of demons had been replaced by the exorcism of ex-husbands.



Oprah Winfrey: the most popular talk show host

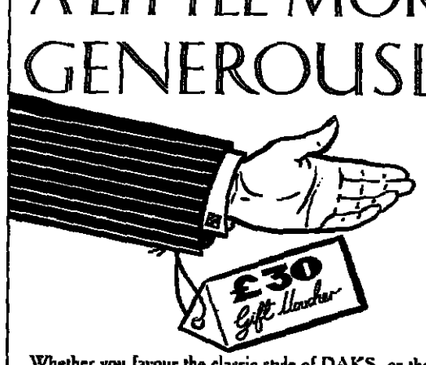
A few hours later on the Montel Williams show, we had moved from exorcism to self-flagellation. The subject was "Dysfunctional families". Vickie, an ex-prostitute, read a letter of confession to her son, apologising for leaving him. We all clapped when Sherrone, the son, said: "I forgive you, Mom."

We sniffled when the 13-year-old son of an ex-drug addict said he loved his dad so much he wanted to go with him if he died. The father gulped and cried. "They may want to forgive," said Montel, our host, "but the hardest part for these kids is to let out the anger against their parents." Montel brought out a therapist to help the children get over "the denial of anger", but his last words were cut out by a soap powder advertisement.

There is a growing appetite for voyeurism camouflaged by pop psychology. Well-fed, suburban Americans can watch the suffering, indulge in a little *schadenfreude*, and revel in the safety of their own lives.

We voyeurs arrived at the Phil Donahue show at the end of the day, exhausted by clapping and emoting. Here, at last, the line between television studio and church melted. "To hell and back" was our theme, and former hospital patients confessed to out-of-body experiences and being torn apart by demons during operations. As the debate was whittled down to "Does God exist?", Phil, our host, ran through the audience delivering a commercial break yelling: "Any Catholics here?" When a group piped up, he mimed blessing them with holy water, shaking his radio mike above each of their heads.

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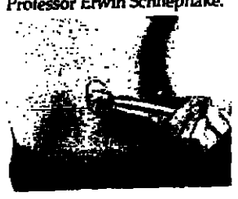
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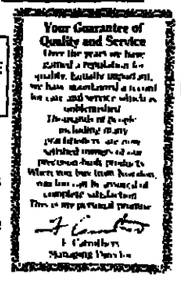
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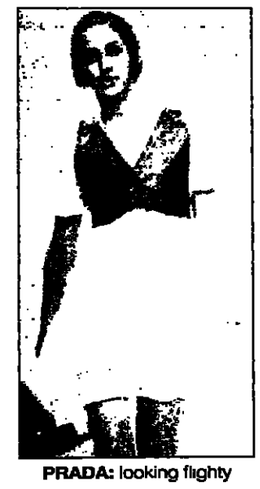
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DOLCE e GABBANA: suit


PRADA: looking flighty

People in the fashion world spend their time wishing their lives away. On the second day of the spring/summer 1994 preview collections, which began in Milan last week, Glenda Bailey, the editor of *Marie Claire* magazine, was in a quandary. Having seen several shows which presented short hemlines as the dominant theme, Ms Bailey wondered how she would get through the winter still wearing long. She was entranced by what she had seen on the catwalks, and wanted to be part of it now. She couldn't wait another six months for the opportunity to dress like the models in their short, flippy dresses. The fashion bug had bitten.

For most people the spring/summer collections are a crystal ball glimpse into the future. These shows will govern the marketing strategies of stores the world over, and will therefore influence, and inspire, the way in which you dress next summer.

For the fashion cognoscenti the collections are not only a tempting teaser, but also act as confirmation of their ability to predict the direction fashion is taking. Working within the same industry as the designers, being open to the same cultural and sociological stimuli, there are few fashion editors who would have been surprised by what they saw last week on the Milan catwalks. It is our business to be in tune with the designers, and to expect certain trends.



Fashion

IAIN R. WEBB

We could have predicted punk, ethnic mix, military, pretty pastels, romance, and yes, even short hemlines. What editors cannot, of course, imagine is how each designer will interpret these vague ideas. This season was no different, with each designer doing their version of the little dress — the singularly most important item in the wardrobe next season.

Rifat Ozbek even opened his show with what he calls a "Very Little Black Dress", followed by a "Tiny Brown Slip Dress" and then a "Small Navy Slip Dress". The majority of Ozbek's designs were minuscule, but will turn out to be hugely influential. He mixed empire-line mini dresses, slim fitting inside-out jackets, and long peasant dirndl skirts. He cut a dress like a shirt, short at the front with the tail trailing the floor, and he presented three new colours: skin, nude and flesh — these were everywhere in Milan, alternatively referred to as blush, peach, or even light tan.

Ozbek also threw in tracksuit stripes for good measure, as did another British designer, Katharine Hamnett. Hamnett's collection was one of her strongest to date, and was equally eclectic. Her World Cup football strip was shown alongside third world gauzy, sun-bleached fabrics, tobacco pin-stripe trouser suits and ivory self-striped jackets and long A-line skirts. Delightfully mis-matched army fatigues and shimmering Lurex and bugle beads for evening were typical of the new visions for 1994.

This redefined aesthetic emerged at every show. Even Valentino's Oliver collection, which did little to waver from a central nautical theme, saw short, strict pinafore dresses worn over billowing organza shirts, while flouncy chiffon trousers and ballgown skirts were teamed with knitwear.

The Milan shows were full of such fortuitous mixes. At Prada, flighty georgettes were shown with tough-looking leather. At Jil Sander, pristine white outfits shown for the day found themselves covered in diaphanous, shimmering silver or metallic taffeta after dark. Gucci sewed soft suede sleeves into an elegantly tailored jacket.

The Industria collection by Fabrizio Ferre is the perfect answer for the woman who seeks the maximum impact from her wardrobe with the minimum fuss. Long wrap skirts, and jackets which are little more than shirts make sense. Double georgette shift dresses are effortless.

There are few designers who have not heard fashion's new pulse beat. Krizia looked fresh and less fussy than usual, while Gianfranco Ferre deconstructed his signature organza shirt, leaving just the collar attached to a swirling scarf. He also simplified his silhouettes and created dazzling sequin-striped evening wear which had a sportswear base, as did his sweater look for after dark which integrated crisp white cuffs and collars. MaxMara and Sportmax showed how to make the new multi-fabric layering work for everyday. Sleek trouser suits, tiny pleated babydoll dresses, voluminous kaftans, and the palest powder-coloured suede and printed chiffon mixed happily together.

The assortment of styles shown by Gianni Versace did not always marry so well. When he is great, there are few who can match his bold ingenuity. When he is not, few can comprehend the results.

Taking punk as his central theme he slashed leather, knit, and wool, linking the holes back together with giant safety pins. This worked best as long lacy evening dresses, and sharp leather jackets and mini-skirts. His mini togas were sadly not such a success, sharing a passing resemblance to the T-shirts worn by Ibiza-bound blonde holiday-makers, only the knots on the thigh were missing.

Dolce e Gabbana threaten to tie themselves in knots with the numerous strands which make up their collection, yet somehow the whole inevitably gels. From the first little black dresses, to the finale of Chaplinesque black and white suits, with all the costume drama and ethnic fancy which came in-between, the collection was a clear winner.

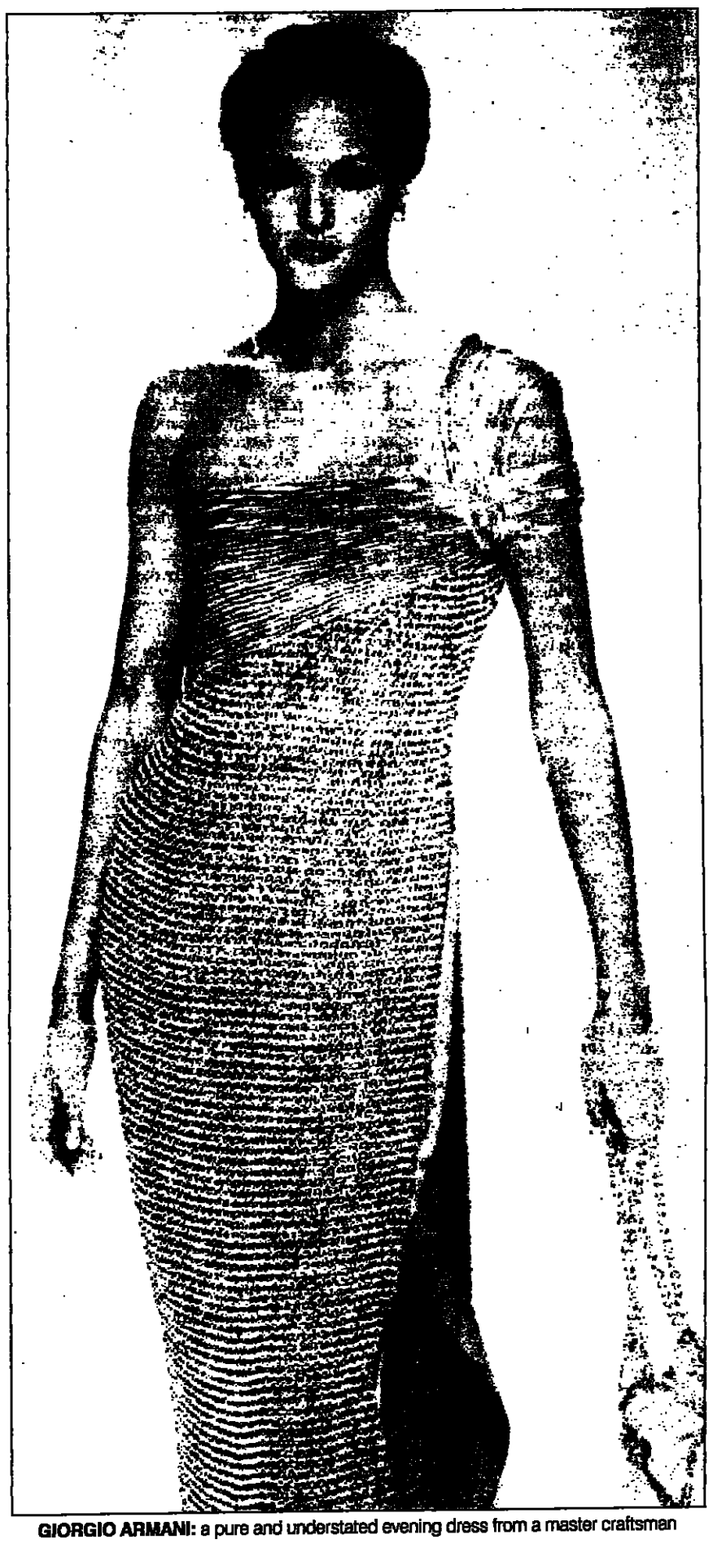
Another designer who must be celebrating this season is Giorgio Armani. Both his Emporio and mainline collection showed the designer at his best. Fluid trouser suits, flippy georgette dresses under fluted jackets, and waistcoats worn with dramatic dirndl skirts were all given a touch of eastern promise. Soft sun-bleached colours and even softer fabrics. His mainline collection was almost mystical. Indeed, it is a mystery how something as excessive as an elaborately beaded trouser suit or evening dress can look so pure and understated. Armani makes it look so easy.

There is much I had expected of fashion for spring/summer 1994, and specifically from Milan, so it came as a genuine surprise to find myself rapturously applauding the classic house of Genny, because in the past the labels have produced a worthy selection of clothes, no more, no less. This season, American designer Rebecca Moses has taken over as design director and has given the house a thoroughly modern feel.

The beautifully crafted collection began with ivory-coloured minimalist dresses and trouser suits and followed fashion's lead through Chinese-inspired workwear, simultaneously long and short dresses in pastel shirting, and finished in a crescendo of pastel lace, organza, chiffon, and bugle beads which were the best example of modern, spare glamour in Milan.

Not to mention one very little dress made of layers of blush chiffon. As it flipped down the catwalk, for a moment I could understand exactly Ms Bailey's dilemma.


GENNY: a new American designer and thoroughly modern feel, simultaneously both long and short


GIORGIO ARMANI: a pure and understated evening dress from a master craftsman


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- PARTIES began and ended Milan fashion week in as idiosyncratic a style as the designers who threw them. One guest went to Gianni Versace's punk dinner in a tiny vest and even smaller mini kilt. Maybe not so shocking, except this guest was well over 6ft tall and male.
- HAIR 1. The smartest hair was as short as the hemlines. Following Madonna's lead, many of the models sported a clippered, boyish style. Think Vita Sackville-West.
- CELEBRATING a decade as a designer, Franco Moschino held a retrospective show with his usual tongue-in-chic style. Models paraded outfits spanning his career, including his infamous "Waist of Money" suit, and bin-liner ballgowns.
- WHAT might once have been considered the height of tackiness — ankle socks with high shoes — turned up on every catwalk. Gianni Versace even showed them with mules.
- HAIR 2. The only hair accessory on the swanky catwalks was the plain, old-fashioned kirby grip. Worn at eyebrow level to push the hair off the face. Even the short-haired girls wore them.

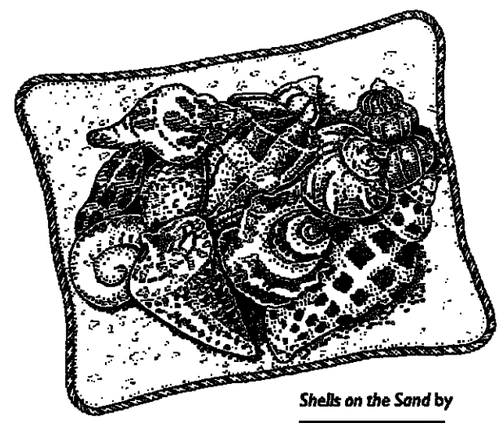
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Shells on the Sand by KAFFE FASSETT

Shells are a favourite of Kaffe Fassett's. They have appeared in his knitwear, on his needlework carpets, on fabrics and wallpapers and here, for the first time, he has used them for a cushion. They are drawn with precision and clarity and stitched in soft, neutral shades. The shells themselves are a mixture of stone and pale dove grey, pepper and salt, ash-blond, ivory, faded amber, bay, fawn and silver frost and they sit on a background of pearl grey. They are subtle and restrained colours that would fit in well anywhere.

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Matthew Parris



■ Politicians of the same party can hate each other like they hate nothing, and nobody, outside it

If a war hero were to write his memoirs — recollections of the famous battles he had won — and the book when it appeared turned out to contain very little about his engagements with the enemy, but to centre upon his disputes with his comrades-in-arms, you might think that rum.

If the diaries of an intrepid mountaineer, conqueror of some hitherto unclimbed Himalayan peak, were found to include almost nothing about the mountain but to concern themselves with hatreds and rivalries between companions within the tent, you might be disappointed.

But three weeks at three successive party conferences in Torquay, Brighton and Blackpool, followed by a weekend of revelations about the contents of Lady Thatcher's memoirs, have led me to a gloomy conclusion. It is that the closer you get to the top, the more completely your energies will be consumed, not with the achievement of your external goal, but with fear and loathing of your colleagues.

I searched the extract from Lady Thatcher's memoirs printed in yesterday's *Sunday Times* for references to the Labour party. It hardly features. In her mind at least, it seems, the real battle was going on elsewhere. Yet the period in question was one during which Labour was fast catching up with the Tories in the opinion polls.

> 'Party conferences are a huge confidence trick upon the ordinary party member'

Who can doubt that Neil Kinnock's memoirs would, likewise, concentrate on his battles within his own party over the same period. And isn't the calculation now uppermost in John Major's mind the decision whether to attack half his cabinet head-on, or pick them off one by one?

This leads (for us journalists) to a strange air of unreality at party conferences. They are a huge confidence trick upon the ordinary party member who pays to attend them. These people, the workers, believe that the battle is with the enemy — the other parties. All the rhetoric delivered from the platform encourages that belief. Rival political movements are lambasted, to applause, while the practical achievements and promises of one's own party are explained and trumpeted.

But the main concern of the politicians on the platform lies neither with plans for government nor the battle with rival parties. The real battle is being fought on the platform itself, between them. Only in the half raising of eyebrows and in coded references and unattributable remarks made to journalists behind the podium does any hint of this battle emerge, amid all the verbiage, all the sound and fury, which is the ostensible focus of the debates.

The press knows this, and the politicians know that we know. We know they know we know, and they know that too. Each successive speaker tears into "the media" for "inventing" internal battles, and draws cheers from party workers as he claims the essential unity of the party in the fight against socialism/ liberal democracy/ the Tory government. But as he shakes his fist at the press gallery and the party workers roar, we can almost see him wink. We do not mind. We know he has to do it. We shall have a little chat with him later in the bar. He and we are really on the same side. It is they out there — the ordinary party members whom even now he is addressing as dear friends — who are excluded. It is his colleagues who are the enemy.

I can testify to the fact (and a glance at Lady Thatcher's memoirs confirms it) that even hardened journalists who have been war correspondents in their time are shocked by the depth of the hatred felt by British politicians for colleagues in their own parties, and by their preparedness, off the platform, to express this hatred to people they barely know.

What I write would be regarded, if read by any of my press colleagues in the Westminster lobby, as so commonplace as to be hardly worth saying. But I have worked on the other side of the fence too — as a backbencher shepherding workers from his constituency party around the endless receptions at seven successive Tory conferences. They really would not believe the accounts we journalists could bring them every day of every conference this year.

I watch the upturned faces of the loyal party workers at Brighton, Blackpool and Torquay. They are the ones who will do the unpaid work, filling envelopes, tramping the streets, knocking on doors. They are the ones whose careers will seldom be helped, and sometimes be harmed, by their allegiances and political work. Their eyes are aflame with enthusiasm for what they believe to be a moral cause; their hearts are full of hope. We laugh at them and their opinions. I sometimes feel that we conspire to cheat them.

The socialist playwright David Hare remarked recently that in my sneering description of preparations for Labour's now-famous Sheffield rally, I was too lazy to see the hope in the faces of the people there. I am a rather lazy journalist, but I was not too lazy to see the hope in the faces of those on the conference floor. It is just that I could not ignore the cynicism in the hearts of those on the platform.

International money is moving out of the reach of governments, taking with it vast tax revenues

Down and out on trillionaire's row

William Rees-Mogg

This week my family has been going through a minor revolution which my two-year-old granddaughter, Maud, correctly describes as "Jacob. Plane. Hong Kong". My second son has started a new job with Lloyd George Asset Management, an investment firm which specialises in the Asian developing economies. I look forward to visiting him, particularly as Hong Kong is an ideal place for journalism: it is a focus of world development, a city which helps one to understand the future, much as New York might have done in the 1890s, or London in the 1790s. It also faces Chinese sovereignty in 1997, less than four years away.

One part of the Hong Kong story has been widely reported, though I doubt if it has yet sunk into the European consciousness. Jacques Delors certainly does not understand what is happening. There is a great swing of the pendulum of wealth and development from Europe and North America to Asia. At present some 850 million people — 15 per cent of the world's population — live in advanced industrial societies, mainly in Europe, North America and Japan. In a generation's time, when Jacob would be 50, the Asian continent, including both China and India, will be widely industrialised. The advanced nations will number around three billion, and will be about half the world's population.

This story has been told, though I do not think it has been understood; it could be the greatest, most rapid and most extraordinary economic movement in the history of mankind. Yet there is another aspect of what is happening which has hardly been written about, but may be almost equally far-reaching in its impact on society. Economic and technological changes have destroyed national control of international money. Of course there is a vast amount of national capital, but increasingly the world's capital is going offshore — much of it has already gone. Once it goes offshore it can no longer be taxed, either as capital or as income. Just as wealth is swinging to Asia, capital is swinging away from national jurisdictions.

Ten days ago I was having dinner with a Hong Kong Chinese friend who used a vivid phrase about the demand for capital in China. He said it was "like a black hole". The history of China since 1945 has meant that the wealthy Chinese have had to live outside their country; only in the past few years have resident Chinese been able to accumulate significant capital. The largest individual providers of capital for the new Chinese development will be those who have always held their funds offshore, in regimes where they are subject to little or no control and pay little or no tax. As China grows, these funds are not going to be brought back under state control. Nor will the Chinese government want to alienate the capital China needs. This vast industrial investment depends on offshore capital, and will remunerate that capital proportionately.

Offshore capital naturally grows much more rapidly than taxed capital, because it can reinvest the whole of its gains and income. The compound arithmetic is quite dramatic. A successful hedge fund management, such as George Soros's Quantum Fund, has to grow at a rate of 20 per cent per annum or more. If it compounds at 20 per cent, the fund doubles in 3.8 years and triples in six.

A similarly invested onshore fund, paying tax on its income and gains at an average of 40 per cent, would have only 12 per cent left to reinvest. That would double every six years. But tripling grows much faster than doubling. In 38 years an offshore fund, at this rate of compound growth, would become a thousand times its original sum, so a $1 million fund would be worth $1,000 million.

In the same time a taxed fund would become 80 times its original amount, so a $1 million fund would be worth $80 million, only 8 per cent of the offshore fund. At present the percentage of fund held offshore is increasing, and can be expected to increase rapidly. But even if no further funds were moved offshore, the relative scale of offshore funds would multiply in the coming years. By 2030, there may well be individual families controlling capital of $1 trillion — the equivalent of the present GDP of the United Kingdom. There are already a number of Hong Kong billionaires; 20 per cent compound return from the next century's Chinese development could make them trillionaires.

Of course some will fail or be dispersed, but not all.

Governments, even when they work together, have already lost control of the finance of the world. The double defeat of the European exchange-rate mechanism in 1992 and 1993 showed that unregulated capital, much of it untaxed, is more powerful than the central banks; that makes fixed exchange rates impossible to maintain under attack. The IMF, which used to control the world exchange system, is now an irrelevant talking shop. Even the Bundesbank has lost control of the German economy: Germany is now the sick man of Europe, and Europe the sick continent of the world.

Electronic communications have wholly changed the nature of finance, and removed the limitations of geographical location. The second largest stock market in the world, the American Nasdaq, has no physical location. It is simply an electronic network. Electronic communications mean that people can control financial operations from any place on earth that suits them; that must be a country which will not try to tax their capital or its growth.

There has always been some international capital, and there has always been some untaxed capital, but the world has never seen anything quite like this before. Governments are unlikely to recover their control of finance; advances in encryption are even holding out the promise of completely secure electronic communication systems that tax authorities cannot penetrate. Many governments, including the British, have already abandoned any attempt to tax the capital of foreigners; indeed many advanced countries are now attractive tax havens for all citizens except their own. Only the US government tries to tax its own citizens wherever they live in the world, and even for ten years after they have renounced their citizenship. That can only damage the United States.

Any future attempts to restore capital controls or regain taxing power are quite implausible. Capital taxes of all kinds, and taxes on income from capital, have already become voluntary taxes for all individually owned major funds. Compound interest ensures that funds will grow under zero tax regimes and decline relatively under high tax regimes; that is difficult news for the high-tax industrialised countries. American and European welfare systems which depend on high tax may well become insolvent. In the new world "tax the rich" has ceased to be an option: the rich are not going to sit around waiting to be taxed.

Later in the 1990s, these issues will come onto the British political agenda. The advanced countries may all have to move towards tax systems which are designed to attract capital by freedom from taxation. Income tax itself may cease to be viable; its yield will certainly be greatly eroded. Taxes will have to be levied at the point of expenditure not at the point of acquisition of funds. For the moment — as Blackpool showed — we shall try to muddle through. Perhaps when Chris Patten comes back from Hong Kong he can explain to his senior colleagues how the modern world economy really works. The divorce between nations and capital breaks the 20th century's welfare contract between capital and labour; it changes the world.

A swing to the don't knows

Peter Riddell found a vacuum at all three party conferences



British politics returns from the seaside to Westminster in an unstable and messy state. Little has been clarified, let alone resolved. The Tory party has, for the moment, preferred nervous unity behind John Major to further public splits, though there have been ideological rumblings from the right. John Smith has won an important symbolic victory on internal party democracy but at a cost in promises to the unions which may delay modernisation of Labour's approach. The Liberal Democrats, who had most to celebrate in the summer, seemed to be marginal on the main policy issues. No party has yet seized the tactical initiative or the imagination of voters. The shape of post-Thatcher politics remains as cloudy as before.

That is partly a result of long one-party rule. Each party has become used to the habits of government or opposition. But despite ample signs of staleness, the Tories have at least retained their instinct for self-preservation. Most ministers are more determined to hang onto their posts than all but a handful of their Labour shadows are to gain office.

That explains the apparently contradictory stance taken by Baroness Thatcher. Most declarations of loyalty are mere tactical contrivances: applicable only before previously "unforeseen circumstances" intervene (as they did in November 1990). Lady Thatcher seems genuine in her backing for Mr Major, not just because of what he said on Friday, but because of her growing worries that her legacy is under threat. She watched some of the Labour conference on television, remarking that the party had become "interesting again". It was not intended as a compliment. These fears have reinforced her belief that the Tories cannot afford another leadership upheaval. Whatever her doubts about Mr Major, she still backs him. She is no fan of Kenneth Clarke (whose stock is on hold until after the November 30 Budget), and Michael Portillo (her favoured defender of the faith) is not ready to be a serious candidate.

Lady Thatcher's memoirs might seem an odd way of expressing her support. But if yesterday's extracts in *The Sunday Times* are the most damaging things she has to say about Mr Major, he need not worry. Her remarks about him may be patronising (his "tendency to accept the conventional wisdom" and his whip's instincts), but they are mild by comparison with her view of others. The overblown leaks in the *Daily Mirror* have taken the sting out of the passages about Mr Major and have left the main argument with Lords Howe and Lawson.

The current Tory unity will be tested by the Budget, by the pace of economic recovery and by the elections next May and June. These could still turn into a referendum on Mr Major's leadership. Moreover, even the respite which Mr Major has won has been bought at a price. The Tory right may prove allies of convenience rather than commitment. His tilt towards the Euro-sceptics has worried the pro-European left, who may be less loyal to him in a crisis. Mr Major's comments about a "return to basics" on social policy, law and order and income tax may have reassured his predecessor and solidified the core Tory support: tough action on law and order may have some populist appeal. But the right-wing rhetoric at Blackpool may have jarred with the less committed.

Mr Smith has faced a similar predicament. To win the support of the union block votes over his proposals for one member one vote, he had to reassure them about the continuation, even strengthening, of union links with the party. He has also promised to give unions and workers of all kinds, both temporary and full-time, extensive rights. Despite widespread worries over the erosion of employees' rights since 1979, Mr Smith's promises have enabled the Tories to resurrect the union bogey, the opposite of what was intended. The self-styled modernisers were mainly on the defensive. Little was said at Labour's conference to appeal to those millions of voters whom the party has failed to attract in the past four elections.

The Liberal Democrats' difficulties reflect their electoral threat to the Tories and Labour. Jack Straw's attacks on allegedly racist tactics by the Liberal Democrats in a Tower Hamlets by-election last month have been echoed by Tory gibes at Paddy Ashdown for being two-faced. It is not just opportunistic tactics in elections. Can the Liberal Democrats be a national voice, rather than an accumulation of local voices? Mr Ashdown has articulated voters' doubts about Westminster politics. But much of what was debated at the party's conference was irrelevant to Britain's main problems.

The malaise in British politics is not merely because the Tories have been binding their wounds and Labour has been looking inwards. There is also an ideological vacuum. There is no spirit of the age. The public are worried about standards of public services such as education and health, law and order, unemployment and a lack of secure job opportunities. But there are no agreed solutions. The Tories pretend that current complaints are nothing to do what they have done in government since 1979. But Labour at times opposes almost for the sake of opposition. It fails to recognise that some changes such as the purchaser/ provider split in public services and contracting out may help.

Free-market reforms and economic failures have produced social tensions. But there is no new consensus that the state should be more active and that public spending and taxes should be higher. That is shown by the headaches that Gordon Brown faces as he tries to change Labour's approach on taxes and spending and what Mr Clarke has called "blood on the floor" as the government tries to cut the budget deficit while fulfilling pledges on welfare. The resolution of these arguments will do far more to determine the shape of post-Thatcher politics than anything said at the seaside over the past month.

RIDDELL ON MONDAY

Recyclicled paper

CIRCULATION wars are not confined to Fleet Street, it seems. Next weekend sees the relaunch of the *Catholic Times*, 31 years after it was merged with *The Universe*. The paper enters a market positively bubbling with post-encyclical excitement. Rivals, including a redesigned *Tablet*, the *Catholic Herald* and even stable-mate *The Universe*, are sharpening their knives.

Catholic Times editor Norman Cresswell, however, is keen to allay his competitors' fears. He believes there is a market for the paper: "Largely because of the clamour of conflicting views out there — we will provide the quiet voice of authority."

Nor is a bit of stiff competition at odds with Christian teachings, he says. "There are seven million Catholics in Ireland and Britain. All the Catholic papers sell less than 200,000 copies put together. That leaves a heck of a market for new readership. We do not want to put the others out of business. That would be most uncharitable."

How independent the paper will be is another question. The masthead has the words "Follow Peter" emblazoned across it and Cresswell admits that "every journalist loses his integrity over something — to proprietors or advertisers. I don't think losing a little to the Pope is a bad thing."

This shocks Christina Odone, editor of the *Catholic Herald*. "'Follow Peter' says it all. Being in the pocket of the Pope should be anathema to a proper journalist. I would have thought that someone picking up the *Catholic Herald* would not be interested in a paper that never questions the Catholic teaching." Once they'd got over the novelty, presumably.



DIARY

● *A big date for Billy Fury fans next month when a lectern in Liverpool's Anglican cathedral is blessed and dedicated to the pop star, who died in 1983 at the age of 42. Derrick Walters, dean of Liverpool, says: "Billy Fury is a well-known Liverpool name," — and one who's clearly well past half way to paradise.*

Loose ending

JOHN TUSA is in no rush to find something else to do after his decision to resign as president of Wolfson College, Cambridge, after less than ten months. Instead, the former managing director of the BBC World Service is looking forward to a period of quiet reflection. "I wanted to have three months off after the World Service, but I was rather bundled into Wolfson so I never got them. Now I will."

Tusa, a Trinity man by degree, refuses to comment on the circumstances that have led to his sudden departure. But students say it is linked to his decision to suspend John Cathie, senior tutor of the college, in July. The college authorities, however, insist the two matters are not connected.

The governing body will be formally notified of Tusa's decision when it meets on Wednesday. But Tusa's decision is final. "He's left college already," says John Seagrave, Wolfson's bursar. "He didn't attend last week's matriculation dinners. It was a very sudden decision with no warning. We're very disappointed."

Bounced out

NONE of the England winter tour party apparently features in Tony Lewis's forthcoming cricket coaching manual for the MCC. The book, *MCC Masterclass*, replaces the now elderly *MCC Coaching Book*, which featured Peter May and Ted Dexter. In their place will be Mike Brearley on captaincy, the likes of Dennis Lillee and Bishan Bedi on bowling, and for batting Geoffrey Boycott, Viv Richards and, the man England left behind, David Gower.

The Gower influence is clear. "The universal message is that too much coaching is a bad thing," says Lewis. "All of them say that it is best to develop your talents — go for your shots and then graft on the technique."

● *With Baroness Thatcher otherwise engaged next Monday (the official launch date for her book), husband Denis has agreed to fill the breach by unveiling Michael Noakes's life-size portrait of her at the Fine Art Society. The picture shows Lady Thatcher outside No 10, but does not, says Noakes, make a political point. "The painting is not a political picture and I am not making a political statement. It's a picture picture." But the work is definitely historic — she's depicted extending a hand in welcome.*

Getting to grips

EVEN the redoubtable Lady T might balk at a hand extended by Mick McManus, the former wrestler. But McManus, who finally hung up his trunks in 1982, insists he only wants to shake her hand.

"You could say I am a political animal," he said at Fleet Street's Wig and Pen Club which last week opened its restaurant to the public for the first time. "I am a great fan of Margaret Thatcher and I went to Downing Street when Maggie was in office. She was one of those people who had a great presence."

And John Major? "He is a very nice fellow but he needs that little bit of gumption. He needs a tougher approach to things." Nothing that a couple of rounds with Mick couldn't put right.



The pianistic Yoko, left, and her pop namesake

Ono, not that old joke again

YOKO ONO, the Japanese classical pianist, is well acquainted with the frustrations of having a famous namesake. After all, she has been living with jokes and instances of mistaken identity since she moving to Britain to study at the Royal Academy of Music in 1981.

But all that will be consigned to the past, she hopes, when she makes her London debut at the Purcell Room in the South Bank centre later this month. She will be playing works by Beethoven, Liszt and Ravel — and absolutely nothing by John Lennon.

According to Helen Jennings, Ono's manager, the pianist has been "quite amused" by the jokes. "But this is her London debut and I hope after this there will no longer be any confusion."

However, the problems have not gone away yet, says Jennings. "When Classic FM heard about this concert they rang and asked if it was 'the same Yoko Ono'. I told them it wasn't. I haven't heard from them since."

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BATTLE FOR HISTORY

Politicians must argue frankly, as well as acting tough

Even before full publication, Baroness Thatcher's memoirs remind us that the European exchange-rate mechanism has been the rock on which have foundered the great political careers of the 1980s. Its victims included John Major, Nigel Lawson, Geoffrey Howe and Margaret Thatcher herself — a political death toll suggesting extraordinary destructive power. How could the ERM do such damage? The first excerpts from Lady Thatcher's book, published yesterday in *The Sunday Times*, hint at an answer whose significance goes well beyond this single sorry debacle.

The decision on ERM membership required consideration of the most fundamental issues of government: national sovereignty, control of inflation and the management of economic growth. Yet in all the years of vacillation about the ERM, there never seemed to be a proper debate in which the arguments were fully examined and objections frankly thrashed out. Policy was made at speed, with no proper analysis and little regard for unintended consequences.

Comparing the memoirs of Lady Thatcher and Lord Lawson, the prime minister and chancellor seemed to be speaking different languages at their weekly meetings at 10 Downing Street. Lady Thatcher says that she always opposed ERM membership because it could weaken the government's grip on inflation: "the only effective way to control inflation was to control the money supply." Yet Lord Lawson must surely have explained to her — as he does for some 100 pages in his own memoirs — that controlling the money supply had *not* proved effective in controlling inflation and that her own government repeatedly abandoned its monetary targets. Lady Thatcher insists that her main worry in 1987 and 1988 was the danger of economic overheating; but Lord Lawson maintains that the prime minister never once argued for higher interest rates than the Treasury proposed.

Then there was Lady Thatcher's remarkably prescient injunction to her next Chancellor, John Major, just before he took Britain into the ERM: "I made it very clear to John that if sterling came under pressure, I was not going to use massive intervention. Willingness to realign our currency if the circumstances warranted was the essential precondition to entry." Was Mr Major not listening? Did he disagree with his prime minister on such a fundamental issue without telling her? Or did he agree with Lady Thatcher while he was Chancellor, but then change his mind about flexibility when he became prime minister — without bothering to inform his cabinet colleagues?

The easy answer to such questions is that political autobiographers are always trying to nudge history in their favour. Their memories become selective. But a more disturbing possibility cannot be ignored: that the memoir-writers are telling the truth and that misunderstandings and evasions are, indeed, the main motor of government. Despite their thick skins, many politicians are afraid of serious debate. They will go a long way to avoid thinking about complicated issues. Even the most abrasive, like Lady Thatcher, will often prefer to slide round a disagreement, rather than provoke a "needless" confrontation. Power usually means dealing with the "hard" challenges of day to day politics and making quick decisions, not poring over abstract ideas.

Yet Lady Thatcher had some bold intellectuals at her side — people who loved ideas and argument for their own sake, people like Keith Joseph, Alan Walters, Nicholas Ridley and Nigel Lawson, in his early days. Men such as those are not around Downing Street today. Nor could they be seen last week in Blackpool. There are tougher problems ahead of Mr Major than persuading party loyalists to be loyal to their party. A government without sharp debate and clear thinking is a government adrift.

WHAT SOMALIA NEEDS

Mr Clinton shows signs of panicking without cause

After promising to show "firmness and steadiness of purpose" in Somalia, President Clinton has once again tried to buy off his critics by pointing in all directions at once. He has more than doubled the American presence in Somalia: but simultaneously pledged a complete American withdrawal by April. The second decision reduces the impact of the first. An arbitrary deadline is incompatible with Mr Clinton's proclaimed determination to see through the task of preventing a return to armed anarchy which, he rightly stresses, would mean renewed famine. American involvement is vital to the UN's military capacity to maintain a "secure environment" — the necessary condition for political negotiations and the eventual formation of a Somali government.

Mr Clinton may have hoped, by setting his deadline, to subdue the rising clamour at home that Somalia is becoming "a miniature Vietnam". He would be wiser to confront that charge head on. The camera may not lie; but by concentrating on Mogadishu, it has given American viewers a highly distorted picture of the truth.

The Somalia operation is not a failure, but a near-success that could still be reversed by precipitate American withdrawal. Aid agencies confirm that outside southern Mogadishu, General Aidid's fiefdom, the security brought by UN troops is already bringing tangible dividends. Famine has ended, most of the emergency feeding centres have been closed and land is being farmed again, producing the first significant harvest since the civil war. Basic education has resumed, and displaced Somalis are returning. But providing the seeds, tools and livestock will take time. Peace in some areas is uneasily maintained against armed bandits. As long as the country bristles with weaponry, inter-clan fighting could flare again.

Washington could usefully draw lessons from a minor gunbattle on Saturday in Belet Huen, an oasis town northeast of Mogadishu. Local Somalis attacked an Italian contingent of the United Nations forces who were dismantling an arms dump. There was nothing anti-UN about the attack, the Italians believe: it was simply that the local Hawadle clan objects to being disarmed until the UN has subdued General Aidid's faction of the rival Habre Gedir clan in southern Mogadishu. The moral is that there will be no peace in Somalia until the Aidid faction lays down arms, and other factions feel safe to do so.

Mr Clinton has sent in Robin Oakley, the diplomat whose decision early this year to let General Aidid keep armed retainers led directly to last week's disastrous shoot-out. His aim appears to be to achieve a "quick fix" by resurrecting a pact reached between the factions last spring. But that deal did not stick, partly because those involved had little real interest in peace: most had usurped Somalia's traditional leaders.

A quick fix is unlikely to be possible. The slower UN timetable, which aims for district councils first, then 18 regional ones and finally, in 1995, a transitional national council and elections, is quite ambitious enough. Instead of bypassing the UN, Washington should insist on a new UN mediator with a deep understanding of Somalia's complex clan allegiances. The best choice would be Muhammad Sahnoun, the UN's widely trusted Algerian envoy to Somalia who was sacked last year by Boutros Boutros Ghali for his justified criticisms of the "lousy" performance of UN agencies. Mr Clinton is under pressure to show that America can keep the UN in line in Somalia: to insist that the UN invite Mr Sahnoun back would be a constructive way to do so.

FALSE ALARMS

Quiet questions for sleepless nights in the city

There are few occasions when a citizen takes the law into his own hands, vandalises another person's property and wins the applause of his neighbours. But the man who takes a hammer to a burglar alarm that has been ringing for four hours may win the status of local hero. To many sufferers from purposeless noise, burglar alarms have come to epitomise the worst menaces of urban life, malfunctioning at every conceivable occasion, invariably waiting until a Friday night, when the owners are away and untraceable, before unleashing their aural violence. Little wonder, therefore, that the police, whose time they waste more than any vexatious human plaintiff, now threaten to ignore their phony warnings.

There is a law of diminishing returns in the installation of burglar alarms. The more there are, the more frequently a false alarm disturbs the neighbourhood and the less notice is taken of the maddening cacophony. A burglar nowadays may happily risk a break-in, secure in the knowledge that he can work undisturbed by the commotion outside. The law lags far behind in curbing this plague. It exacts no penalty on the householder who allows his cats to set the thing off. It gives the police no right of forcible entry. It provides no redress for deafened neighbours. And only last year has cut-out: which, though welcome, largely defeats the purpose of the contraption, as the chances of neighbours coming round in that time to thwart a real burglar are slim.

The proliferation of alarms is largely caused by insurers who see in them a way to avoid their financial obligations. Many specify that an alarm must be installed before cover can be obtained for house contents. If householders then fail to switch it on every night, as well as every time they drop in next door for coffee or potter around in the garden, there is a new chance for insurers to disclaim liability.

Despite well-founded anxieties about the industry's image, the false alarm rate, usually from cheaper systems or those not linked to a remote monitor, has come down only slightly from the worst year in 1989, which saw 1.2 million false alarms from 500,000 installed systems. A smart alarm should be able to distinguish between a real burglarly and a curtain flapping against the window. Cannot the police be able to flip a switch somewhere that shuts the noise off? Is there not some other way of dealing with intruders — flashing lights, cameras, a puff of fluorescent smoke that makes offenders glow for days? All these questions — as well as the prospect of local heroism — can be pondered in the long hours of alarm-filled

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Mixed response to Tory proposals on law and order

From the Director of the Prison Reform Trust

Sir, Although widely interpreted as an expression of Thatcherite zeal, is there not something peculiarly old-fashioned about the home secretary's announcements on sentencing policy (report, October 7)? Mr Howard's speech to the Conservative party conference will present huge problems to the prison service.

Even before it, we were witnessing a return to the levels of prison overcrowding which so disfigured penal policy in the 1970s and 1980s. It was also noticeable that the speech contained no reference to the Woolf report on the prison riots of 1990 or the subsequent white paper, "Custody, Care and Justice". To all intents and purposes, the Woolf report is now a dead letter.

However, perhaps the most worrying (and least radical) aspect of the speech was the green light which it gives to the courts. Where are the market mechanisms here?

In the National Health Service, many doctors are not budget-holders, free to exercise their clinical discretion but subject to the limitation of what the public purse can stand. In contrast, the courts' use of imprisonment is subject to no restraint. The taxpayer will have to meet whatever demands they make for prison places.

The independence of the courts is no more and no less a bulwark of a free society than that of medical practitioners. All law and order services now work to fixed budgets, and must demonstrate efficiency and effectiveness. Why are sentencing decisions excluded from these requirements?

Yours faithfully,
STEPHEN SHAW,
Director, Prison Reform Trust,
59 Caledonian Road, N1.
October 7.

From Mr John Cartwright

Sir, In the light of the growing national crime rate and of the fall in the number of cases being tried in the courts, is it right that an increasing number of people arrested, especially adults, should be dealt with in secret, allowing them to go virtually unpunished? I refer to the wide use by the police of what is known as disposal by a caution.

A person under arrest at a police station is effectively under the immediate power of a custody sergeant who has the power to decide whether the case is to be disposed of quietly "in house" or forwarded to the Crown Prosecution Service, with a view to prosecution in the courts.

As an alternative to recommending an immediate caution, the sergeant may recommend referral to a "diversion unit", a little known organisation jointly funded by the police, social services and the probation service, with senior police officers on its management structure. This will also almost invariably result in a caution or referral to a unit. In either case, it is a prerequisite that the alleged offender fully admits the offence alleged.

Offences which the sergeant may recommend for disposal in this way include wounding, indecent assault, unlawful sexual intercourse, dwelling-house burglary, going equipped for stealing, handling stolen goods, and criminal damage. Previous convictions, even for similar offences, are no bar to referral to one of these units.

Many of the people arrested, when offered the option of a caution, may be tempted — out of expediency or ignorance — to admit to an offence which they have not committed. Quite often they receive no independent legal advice as to the correctness of the charge preferred against them; yet, if they accept a caution, their names will as a result be placed in the police national computer. They will thus acquire a "record", if they do not already possess one.

By the use of these procedures many cases are being diverted away from the courts. Are not the undoubted cost savings likely to prove a false economy? Can extending the soft option of a mere caution to selected individuals be the right way to promote law and order?

Yours sincerely,
JOHN CARTWRIGHT,
Francis Taylor Building,
Temple, EC4.

From Mr Jonathan Sofer

Sir, Your leader of October 7, "Howard's beginning", records the home secretary as stating that "he intends to enhance the rights of victims of crime". Mr Howard did not mention that some months ago the Home Office decided to abolish, for all practical purposes, the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board. As you reported last February, a white paper to this effect will be published later this year.

At present, persons attacked by burglars in their homes and victims of rape and child abuse, among others, may obtain substantial damages from the CICB. Awards made by the board, presided over by experienced lawyers, provide full compensation.

In a recent case the board awarded £90,000 for pain and suffering to a young man who had been stabbed in the back, resulting in complete paraplegia. A further award of £694,197 included over £100,000 for past and future loss of earnings and £242,412 for future care.

Mr Howard, it seems, is determined to abolish all compensation except for the basic award for pain and suffering, and to reject pleas made on behalf of victims of crime to at least maintain the rights to proper compensation in each of the above categories.

Yours faithfully,
JONATHAN SOFER,
199 Strand, WC2.
October 7.

From Mrs Elizabeth Ward

Sir, I welcome and applaud the tough measures being proposed by the home secretary; but dare I suggest, as a humble ex-JP, that there seems to be one grave omission?

The concept that criminals should be rewarded for good behaviour, thus able to earn remission from their sentence, is surely quite out of place at a time when our society is threatened with an increasing number of lawless citizens who have no respect for the property or the lives of others.

It is high time that bribery for good behaviour should be replaced by punishment for bad. A sentence should only be increased, not decreased, other than by appeal, and a life sentence should mean a sentence for life.

Yours truly,
ELIZABETH WARD,
Oakhanger Place Cottage,
Nr Bordon, Hampshire.
October 7.

From Mr E. A. Payne

Sir, Both the home secretary and the Lord Chief Justice are on record as believing that the criminal justice system is weighted in favour of criminals.

No sir. No, m'lud. The criminal justice system in weighted in favour of the innocent. Long may it remain so.

Yours sincerely,
E. A. PAYNE,
5 New Square, Lincoln's Inn, WC2.
October 8.

Ethics awry over NHS waiting lists

From Mr John Luck

Sir, There is increasing evidence, obtained from surveys by both the BMA and the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, that hospital trusts are giving priority to patients of GP fundholding practices. Management teams are making such requests because of their financial problems.

To separate patients into two groups, one of which is disadvantaged, is against the ethics and training of the hospital consultants; but the consultants are not by any means always successful in resisting these pressures, and waiting lists are being manipulated unfairly.

The reorganisation of the NHS has produced benefits for the patients, despite the considerable rise in managerial costs, but it is still to be regarded as an experiment in health care and there is no certainty that it will succeed in its objects. The NHS has been subjected to "reorganisations" before, and these have never influenced the chronic (and inevitable) under-funding of the service.

The demands on the NHS by doctors on behalf of their patients have of necessity always been curbed by the financial constraints exerted by management. This conflict is to the benefit of both the patient and the economy, provided that the medical profession maintains a strong, united influence.

Lord Moran, one of the architects of the NHS, believed that the key to an excellent service was a strong, elite consultant establishment. Perhaps, in the light of events, an independent observer would say that he placed the balance too far in favour of the consultants in particular and the medical profession in general.

Now, however, the pendulum has swung too far the other way. Increasing management power is demoralising the consultants, who are losing status and influence at an alarming rate. It is time for the profession to shed its apathy and to tell the government that much exists in its plans which is not only mistaken but possibly disastrous.

Yours faithfully,
R. J. LUCK
(Consultant surgeon),
The Princess Margaret Hospital,
Osborne Road,
Windsor, Berkshire.
October 7.

London orchestras

From the Secretary-General of the Arts Council

Sir, Tom Graham, chairman of the British Association of Concert Agents (letter, September 29), raises the issue of orchestral expertise on the Arts Council's music advisory panel. He rightly acknowledges the very considerable distinction of panel members, who are well qualified to advise us on the wide range of music we support.

We have, of course, established a special committee under the chairmanship of Sir Leonard Hoffmann to advise the council as to which of the three London orchestras presenting bids best satisfies the council's criteria for future funding. The members of this committee, whose names will be announced shortly, have specific expertise in the management and operation of orchestras.

Each year we invite nominations for our advisory panels from a wide range of professional bodies. The Association of British Orchestras has been invited regularly to nominate a suitably qualified person. In recent years no nominations have been received from the association, but any suggestions from them in the future for panel membership will receive serious consideration.

Yours faithfully,
ANTHONY EVERITT,
Secretary-General,
The Arts Council of Great Britain,
14 Great Peter Street, SW1.
October 1.

Catholic needs

From Sir Patrick Duffy

Sir, I agree with your leader of October 6, "Cardinal truths", that in Cardinal Basil Hume the papal encyclical has a "noble interpreter". I believe that many in the English Catholic community will be grateful also for your profoundly understanding, though far from uncritical, commentary. It contrasts sharply with some media attention which has been selective and even trivial.

It is significant that much reaction to the leaked draft last month was largely southern-based and tended to dwell on sexual morality. One newspaper thought it necessary to find out "what prominent Catholic women think" and concluded that the encyclical "will drive away the next generation of Catholics".

I encountered at the same time a quite different reaction when I addressed the Union of Catholic Mothers of the Hallam diocese in Sheffield. These not so "prominent" but otherwise eminently practical women from Barnsley, Doncaster, Rotherham and Sheffield indicated different concerns.

Representing Catholic parishes in which living has become more difficult as their local communities have become morally fragmented, and confronted daily themselves with the problem of reconciling lasting Christian essentials with current political fashions, their interests were social and political, as well as personal. Their main concern was how does society proceed to repair a generation of damage to the family, and thus return to a stronger sense of community and solidarity.

The Union of Catholic Mothers in South Yorkshire will warmly welcome *Veritatis Splendor*. For in its ringing defence of objective moral values, and its rejection of whatever is offensive to human dignity, such as child abuse, exploitation of labour and business fraud, as well as abortion, it has met their own expressed concerns.

Yours faithfully,
PATRICK DUFFY,
153 Bennetthorpe,
Doncaster, South Yorkshire.
October 6.

From Mr Simon Scott

Sir, Your leader included several refreshing comments on the way in which Cardinal Basil Hume has handled the papal encyclical: "... could not have asked for a more sensitive or intelligent introduction ... no attempt to disguise ... did not mislead ... he sensibly counselled ... his wise words ..."

These phrases are in sharp contrast to comments reserved for today's politicians. Indeed, in Simon Jenkins's article of the same day on the "unpopular" Mr Major, sentiment of that kind was conspicuously missing. Does the cardinal fancy secondment to No. 10?

Yours faithfully,
SIMON SCOTT,
Four Elms,
Lower Heyford, Oxfordshire.

Kipling on the map

From Canon F. H. D. Davey

Sir, As Mr Room points out (letter, October 6), Michigan is one of at least three US states to boast a town called Kipling. It also boasts a Rudyard, south-west of Sault Ste Marie — likewise (I assume) named in honour of the poet in the 1890s. According to a report published some 50 years ago in the *New York Times*, Kipling wrote a "light piece of verse" on the back of a photograph which he sent to the manager of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad — apparently the person responsible for the naming of the two towns. The verse read as follows:

Wise is the child who knows his sire,
The ancient proverb ran.
But wiser far the man who knows
How, when and where his offspring grows,
For who the mischief would suppose
I've sons in Michigan.

Yet I am saved from midnight ills
That warp the soul of man.
They do not make me walk the floor,
Nor hammer at the doctor's door;
They deal in wheat and iron ore,
My sons in Michigan.

O tourist in the Pullman car
(By Cook's or Raymond's plan)
Forgive a parent's partial view;
But maybe you have children too —
So let me introduce to you
My sons in Michigan.

Yours sincerely,
F. H. D. DAVEY,
126 Ashtree Road,
Stonebridge, Frome, Somerset.

Patten controversy

From Professor Emeritus A. M. Ross

Sir, Are Mr John Patten's quite disgraceful remarks (report, October 7) about distinguished senior members of the education service, such as Professor Tim Brighouse, former chief education officer for Oxfordshire, to be taken as indicators of the level of discussion within the closed groups of non-professionals which today determine the direction of educational policy? If so, there can be little wonder that we have problems.

Successful Tory reformers such as Eccles, Boyle and Joseph proceeded on the basis of close argument with senior members of the service, not by vilifying them. When the "command" style of management is applied to the provision of public services it has to be remembered that quality relies as much on the goodwill and commitment of those directly involved as it does upon the latest *pronunciamento* from headquarters.

Yours faithfully,
A. M. ROSS,
37 Hest Bank Lane, Lancaster.

From Dr Derek C. Glover

Sir, In furthering his wish that schools should be effective in the transmission

Brighouse wrote to the council he served so ably, and the schools he led with a vision for a brighter society, in the following terms (*Effective Schools, Oxford County Council, 1987*):

Such shared value systems are more difficult to achieve in a society which has become more tolerant of diversity and where, perhaps, the pervasive and powerful influences of institutions such as the church and the extended family can no longer be assumed.

As one who worked under his influence, I believe that Professor Brighouse saw education as a means of filling the gap between what is and what might be. The attitude of the Secretary of State towards education, as opposed to imparting knowledge, is shown to be antipathetic to this, and also to be offensive to those who believe in courtesy and support for all in society.

Yours faithfully,
DEREK C. GLOVER,
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Ross on Wye,
Hereford and Worcester.
October 7.

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Letters to the editor should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be sent to a fax number —

From Councillor Mohammed Mehmet

Sir, The reported remarks by John Patten, labelling Haringey education authority as "useless", are not borne out by the achievements of staff and pupils. He ought to recall his own remarks last December, when commenting on national results of tests for seven-year-olds:

I will be investigating the reasons why some inner city LEAs — for example North Tyneside, Doncaster and Haringey — achieved results at or above the national average, while others, in similar circumstances, failed badly.

Some of the achievements of seven-year-olds in Haringey have outstripped most of the country. Following an excellent HMI report on Fortismere School, listed as one of *The Times* top secondary schools in the country, we have just received the HMI report on Hornsey School for Girls — described as "a very good school ... efficient and well managed ... the quality of teaching is high ..."

If Mr Patten's remarks were satirical, as he later claimed, I doubt that many parents, staff or pupils in Haringey find them very funny.

Yours faithfully,
MOHAMMED MEHMET (Chair),
Haringey Education Committee,
Haringey Council,

On the ocean wave ...

From Miss Daphne Windle

Sir, You report (Travel News, September 30) a reduction of tourists to the Shetlands after the Braer disaster.

I have just returned from a week on south Mainland and visits to other islands. The weather was bright and sunny and the islanders hospitable. There was no oil to be seen on the beaches; in fact I have had more oil pollution problems when holidaying in Cornwall over many years than from one Shetlands oil spill. It is a place of peace and tranquillity. I shall return at the first opportunity.

Yours sincerely,
DAPHNE WINDLE,
222 Harrowdene Gardens,
Teddington, Middlesex.
October 4.

... and in the armchair

From Mr Richard Hodgson

Sir, I gave up imaginary railway journeys (Mr Dennett's letter, October 7) because the weather was so disappointing.

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD HODGSON,
29 Viking Heights,
Martlesham, Woodbridge, Suffolk.



ex-superintendent Billa and a convict.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

October 9: By command of The Queen, Mr William Bromley-Davenport (Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Cheshire) was present at Liverpool Airport this morning upon the Arrival of The President of the Republic of Ireland and welcomed Her Excellency on behalf of Her Majesty.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

October 9: The Princess Royal, Patron, Minchinhampton Centre for the Elderly, accompanied by Commander Timothy Laurence, RN, this evening attended a Piano Recital at Stroud Subscription Rooms, Stroud, Gloucestershire.

CLARENCE HOUSE

October 9: Miss Jane Walker-Okeover has succeeded the Lady Elizabeth Basset as Lady-in-Waiting to Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother.

ST JAMES'S PALACE

October 9: The Prince of Wales this afternoon attended the inauguration of the Warrington Project at the Town Hall, Warrington, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Cheshire (Mr William Bromley-Davenport).

Commander Robert Fraser, RN, was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE

October 9: The Duke of Gloucester, Deputy Colonel-in-Chief, The Royal Logistic Corps, this morning attended the Lamb Trophy Military Skills Competition, Princess Royal Barracks, Blackdown, Deepcut, Camberley, Surrey.

Major Nicholas Barne was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE

October 10: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, Grand President (St John Ambulance), this afternoon attended the Order of St John (South and West Yorkshire) Triennial Service of Rededication and Presentation of Awards, in Wakefield Cathedral.

Her Royal Highness was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for West Yorkshire (Mr John Lyles).

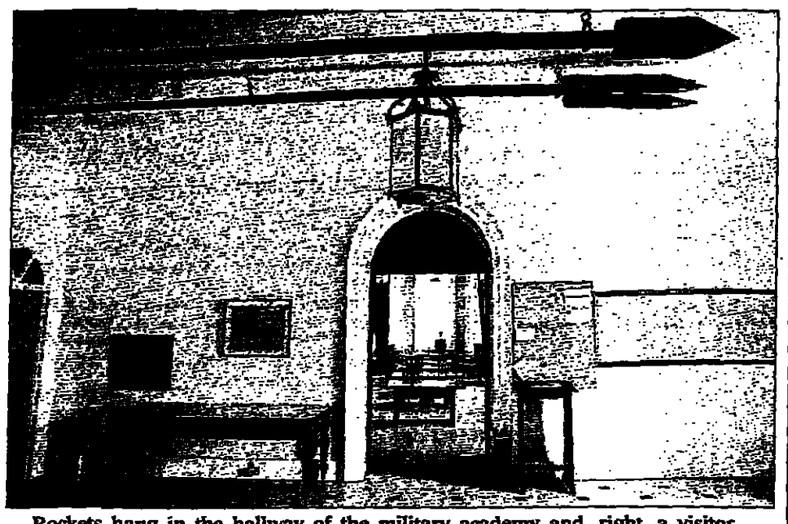
Lady Aird was in attendance.

Yarlet Hall

Yarlet Hall, near Stafford, is now in the 120th year of its history as a boys' Preparatory School, and on October 9 the new Pre-Preparatory Department, for boys and girls aged 4-7, was opened by the Right Hon the Baroness Trumpington, in the presence of governors, staff, children and friends of Yarlet.

Deputy lieutenants

The following to be Deputy Lieutenants of Warwickshire: Sir Adam Butler, Martin Dunne, Harold James Skinner, Charles John Prendergast Vereker.





MICHAEL POWELL

Rockets hang in the hallway of the military academy and, right, a visitor glimpses through the elaborate wrought iron of the shell foundry gates

Forgotten Woolwich vies for place on London tourist map

BY JOHN YOUNG

WOOLWICH, a southeast London suburb which for centuries armed and garrisoned the British Empire, is determined to be reborn as London's newest tourist attraction.

Unlike neighbouring Greenwich, Woolwich attracts few visitors, largely because most of its many architectural splendours are hidden and guarded by walls, fences and gatehouses.

That will all change in two years when the defence ministry finally vacates the historic Royal Arsenal, clearing the way for some ambitious restoration. The MoD, the Crown Estate and Greenwich council have jointly produced a development plan, backed by the English and London tourist boards and linked to revitalising seven miles of riverside from Greenwich to Thamesmead.

Woolwich's historical importance began in 1513 when Henry VIII set up the Royal Naval Dockyard. The area was also used for storing, testing and later making munitions. In 1716 the Royal Artillery Regiment was founded, and construction began of the Royal Brass Foundry, designed by John Vanbrugh, to cast the ever-larger guns needed by the army and the navy.

The Royal Military Academy was established within the arsenal in 1741 to train artillery and engineer officers. In 1808 it moved to a splendid new building designed by James Wyatt southeast of Woolwich common, facing the huge Royal Artillery Barracks, completed six years earlier, with its spectacular 1,000ft long Georgian facade.

The arsenal itself continued to expand, surrounded by a two-and-a-half mile wall built by convict labour. Woolwich by then was easily the largest military town in Britain, with infantry, cavalry and marine barracks, from which troops were dispatched to all corners of the world. The town was also much visited by high society, particularly ladies seeking the company of young officers on the pretext of watching the guns being test-fired on the ranges.

At its peak, in the early years of this century, the arsenal employed more than 80,000 people. But its vulnerability to air raids in both world wars meant that weapons manufacture had to be dispersed to other parts of the country, and the Royal Ordnance Factory closed in 1967.

By that time the Royal Artillery had moved its main base to Salisbury Plain, and the RMA had closed and amalgamated with the Royal Military College at Sandhurst. With its military role thus depleted, Woolwich has begun showing symptoms of urban decay. "It has a great history, and it's very sad that it has gone so far downhill," Brigadier Ken Timbers, historical secretary of the Royal Artillery Institution, says.

He is in charge of the library and archives, which are at present housed in the RMA building, with the regimental museum. The collection of historic guns is on display at the Rotunda, which was originally erected as a timber-framed tent by John Nash in St James's Park for a state visit in 1814; five years later it was moved to Woolwich and became a a permanent structure.

The regiment hopes to raise £10 million to create a new Royal Artillery Museum, housing the library, archives, guns and its collection of silver, medals and pictures, in two of the arsenal's 18 listed buildings. The 7,000 medals are the largest collection in the army but have never been seen by the public. The target date for opening is 1997.

The project, though, depends on buyers being found for at least some of the other buildings, several of which are in a state of decay.

The council sees the proposed museum as a vital part of its plans to redevelop the whole arsenal site for residential, commercial and recreational use. The plans include a science and business park and possibly a new campus for Greenwich University.

"It's a wonderful opportunity if we can grasp it," Tony Evans, a member of the Greenwich Waterfront Team, says. "With Greenwich already a major tourist attraction, we have the chance to put Woolwich back on the map."

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: James Barry, historical painter, Cork, 1741; John Thadeus Delane, Editor of *The Times* 1841-1877, London, 1817; Henry John Heinz, food manufacturer, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, 1844.

DEATHS: James Joule, physicist, Sale, Cheshire, 1889; Anton Bruckner, composer, Vienna, 1896; Henry Broadhurst, trades unionist, Cromer, 1911; "Chico" Marx, actor, Hollywood, 1961; Jean Cocteau, poet, painter and film director, Milly-la-Fôret, 1963; Edith Piaf, singer, Paris, 1963; Stanley Morison, typographer and historian of *The Times*, London, 1967. The German mark dropped to 10,000 million to the pound, 1923.

Latest wills

Recent estates include (net, before tax paid):

Mr Harold Ferreira Bishop Da Silva, of Blockley, Gloucestershire ..... £891,230.

Mrs Jean Helen Shaw Fox, of Bourton on Dunsmore, Warwickshire ..... £1,931,315.

Mr Frank Clifford Jepson, of Sunningdale, Berkshire . £783,802.

Mr Frederick Peter King, of Stroud, Gloucestershire . £601,014.

Mr Robert Henry Mantle, of Cropston, Leicestershire £1,513,555.

Mr Derrick Edward Marshall, of Boston, Lincolnshire..... £797,489.

Mrs Angela May Portlock, of London, SW3..... £832,661.

The Earl of Westmorland

A Memorial Service for the 15th Earl of Westmorland will be held at the Guards Chapel at 2.30pm on Tuesday, November 2.

John Michael Cannell

A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of John Michael Cannell, 1955-1993, will be held on Monday, October 18, 1993 at All Hallows By The Tower, Byward Street, London, EC3, at 11.00am.

Mr Kit Garnett

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Kit Garnett will be held in Eton College Chapel on Monday, October 18, at 2.45pm.

Anthony and Margaret Barker

A celebration of the lives of Anthony and Margaret Barker will be held in Southwark Cathedral on Friday, October 22, 1993, at 11am.

Nature notes



The carrion crow

CARRION crows are fighting in the treetops: an angry bird will swoop down at another with vibrant screeches or a rattling cry. Usually the attacker is an older bird whose territory is being invaded by a flock of juveniles. At night, these young flocks often roost in dense woods beside rooks and jackdaws. The rooks and jackdaws sometimes stay together to feed in the fields during the day: the rooks dig beneath the surface, while the jackdaws stalk about looking for seeds, or for flies on a pat of cow dung. Parties of black-headed gulls may join them in the foraging, but will fly to reservoirs to roost in the evening.

It is turning into a colourful autumn: horse-chestnut trees stand in pools of yellow leaves, Norway maples look like golden lanterns. Many hawthorn trees are now a mass of dark crimson. Wild Michaelmas daisies flowered early this year but many are still to be seen. The cep mushroom, or penny-bun boletus, is found in oak and beech woods. The large, wiry field horsetails are still green but are beginning to collapse: they will reappear in spring as pink shoots with a thimble-like cap.

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Appointments in the Forces

Royal Navy and Royal Marines

Captain P.K. Haddacks to be promoted Rear Admiral and to be Assistant Chief of Staff (Policy and Requirements) to the Supreme Allied Commander Europe in succession to Air Vice Marshal J.A. Cheshire in February 1994.

CAPTAIN: P Branscome - MOD London in the rank of Cdre 11.02.94; B B Perowne COMCLYDE in the rank of Cdre 22.02.94.

COMMANDER: H A H G Edleston - MOD London 17.12.93; R C Seaward - NATO Italy 22.07.94; T A Soar - Staff of FOSM 12.02.94.

SURGEON COMMANDER (D): J F Hart - Heron 22.04.94.

Retirements

CAPTAIN: C W Pezzey - 1.12.93; C W Pile - 1.12.93; M P Sauvage - 1.12.93; G Sullivan - 01.12.93; R C Swales - 1.12.93.

COMMANDER: P G Miller - 01.12.93; J Mulholland - 1.12.93; J D M Osborne - 1.12.93; P Searle - 1.12.93; J Stenton - 01.12.93; D Strawford - 1.12.93; N P Turner - 1.12.93; T Waddington - 1.12.93; D R Warren - 1.12.93; P Woodings - 1.12.93; G J Wordley - 1.12.93.

The Army

COLONELS: D Bunney - To be Regt Pmr RPO YORK, 1.10.93; M G R Hodson - To MOD, 12.10.93; J G H Robertson - To MOD, 13.10.93; D Kirkwood - To be Ch Pmr APO (Offrs Accts), 1.10.93; C H White - To be Comd HQ BVO, 1.10.93.

LIEUTENANT-COLONELS: M R Bromley Gardner ORH - To HQ WALES & WDIST, 11.10.93; B J Burgess RLC - To RLC MRO(N), 11.10.93; P J Hryhoruk R Signals - To HQ AFCENT (STAFF), 11.10.93; D G V Morley AAC - To HQ DAAC, 11.10.93; A H Steele RE - To 12 Engr Bde, 11.10.93; A F I Shepherd RAMC - To DKMH CATTERICK, 11.10.93.

Retirements

COLONELS: W G C Bowles Late 14/20H, 13.10.93; T H English Late RAPC, 16.10.93.

Royal Air Force

AIR VICE-MARSHAL: R.H. Kyle - To be Air Officer Maintenance at HQ RAF Support Command, in succession to Air Vice-Marshal D. R. French.

AIR COMMODORE: P J Miller - To HRAFSC 28.9.93; P C Ayee - To RAFSEE 28.9.93.

GROUP CAPTAIN: T J Pink - To MOD 1.10.93.

WING COMMANDER: D F W Ackroyd - To RAF Uxbridge 1.10.93; G P Howell - To RAF Uxbridge 1.10.93; I N Scholefield - To RAF Uxbridge 4.10.93; I J O MacEachern - to HQSTC 4.10.93; S D Milnes - To RAF Uxbridge 4.10.93; D M Barr - To HQSTC 4.10.93.

Today's royal engagements

The Princess Royal, as Patron of the National Autistic Society, will visit the centre for social and communication disorders at Elliott House, 113 Masons Hill, Bromley, at 10.30; will open Tonbridge and Malling Housing Association's new sheltered scheme for the elderly at Tonbridge at 11.45; as Patron of the Butler Trust will visit HM Prison at Blantyre House, Goudhurst, Kent, at 1.05; and, as Honorary President of the Chartered Institute of Transport, will be inaugurated as President at RIBA at 5.40.

Princess Margaret will open the Firth Wing of the Northern General Hospital, Sheffield, at 11.25; and will visit Kelham Island Museum, Sheffield, at 12.15.

The Duchess of Gloucester, as President of the Royal School of Needlework, will present the apprentices' certificates at a reception at Hampton Court Palace at 7.00.

Church news

Appointment

The Rev Robert McLean, Vicar, The Good Shepherd, Tadworth, and Assistant Rural Dean of Reigate: to be Rural Dean of Reigate, and remain Vicar, The Good Shepherd, Tadworth (Southwark).

Dinners

Durham University

Dr Sidney Holgate was the guest of honour at a reunion dinner of the Durham University senior men and women of 1962-63 held on Saturday in Hatfield College, Durham. Mr Michael Billingham, University College, presided and Mr William Ward, Hatfield College, also spoke.

Northern Circuit

The Northern Circuit held a dinner at Lincoln's Inn on Saturday in honour of Lord Justice Rose, Mr Justice Kay, Mrs Justice Smith and Mr Justice Sachs.

Service dinner

Royal Naval Auxiliary Service

Commodore Prince Michael of Kent, Patron of the Royal Naval Auxiliary Service, was the guest of honour at the annual dinner held on Saturday at the King Malcolm Hotel, Dunfermline. Commander Ian Smith presided.

Service reunion

Association of Wrens

The tri-annual reunion of the Association of Wrens was held on Saturday at the Wembley Conference Centre. Commandant Anne Spencer, Director of WRNS, was welcomed by Miss Daphne Blundell, president of the association.

Service luncheon

The Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers

Brigadier W.J. Hiles presided at the annual London luncheon of The Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers held on Saturday at The Queen's Club, West Kensington.

Reception

Jewish Music Heritage Trust

Mr and Mrs Edmund de Rothschild were host last night at a reception held at Gunnersbury House in aid of the B'nai B'rith Jewish Music Festival.

Marriages

The Hon James Stourton and the Hon Sophia Stonor

The Duchess of Gloucester, the Earl of Ulster and the Earl and Countess of St Andrews attended the marriage of the Hon James Alastair Stourton, younger son of Lord and Lady Mowbray and Stourton, to the Hon Sophia Stonor, youngest daughter of Lord and Lady Camoys held on Saturday in the Chapel of the Blessed Trinity, Stonor, Oxfordshire. The Bishop of Brentwood officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Louise, Isabel, Francesca and Camilla Stourton, Lucy Bevan, the Master of Stormont, Alexander Coleridge, Ivan Hunter-Gordon, the Hon Edward Clifford and William Hyde-Parker. The Hon Edward Stourton was best man.

A reception was held at the home of the bride and the honeymoon will be spent abroad.

Dr C.P. Cullen and Miss S. Thompson

The marriage took place on Saturday at the Church of All Saints, Lindfield, West Sussex, of Dr Christopher Cullen, elder son of Lord and Lady Cullen, of Edinburgh, to Miss Sarah Thompson, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Thompson, of Haywards Heath, Sussex. The Rev Alistair Thom officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Holly and Kate Kaye, Hamish Grilland and Hal Downer. Dr Adrian Cullen was best man.

A reception was held at Newick Park, Newick, East Sussex, and the honeymoon will be spent in Bali.

Mr E.J.G. Peel and Miss R.J. Palmer

The marriage took place on Saturday at St Peter's, Church Langton, Leicestershire, of Mr Edward Peel, son of Mr and Mrs John Peel, of Dudgrove, Fairford, Gloucestershire, to Miss Rosanna Palmer, daughter of Sir Geoffrey and Lady Palmer, of Carlton Curlieu Hall, Leicestershire. The Rev John Gordon-Clark officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Miss Alexia Allhusen, Miss Tracey Angus, Miss Katie Fulford, Miss Serena Mytton, Miss Clare Nunneley, Miss Sara Snow and Mrs Charles Tritton. Mr Rupert Unwin was best man.

A reception was held at the home of the bride and the honeymoon will be spent abroad.

Mr T.R.S. Jackson and Miss C.P. Bendix

The marriage took place on Saturday at Chelsea Old Church of Mr Toby Jackson, elder son of Sir Edward and Lady Jackson, of Paultons Square, London, SW3, to Miss Caroline Bendix, daughter of Mr Michael Bendix and the late Mrs Bendix, of Cley, Norfolk. Canon Phillip Roberts and the Rev Peter Elvy officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Sabine Kelly, Penelope Hone, Lucy Crosbie Dawson, Sophy Marris, Julia Noble, James Creasy, John Vanneck, Douglas Noble, Alexander Bendix and George Jackson. Mr Nathaniel Hone was best man.

A reception was held at the Duke of York's Headquarters and the honeymoon will be spent abroad.

Mr A.W. Atherton and Miss F.H. Durkin

The marriage took place on Saturday at Rickmansworth Baptist Church of Mr Andrew William Atherton, son of Mr and Mrs Arthur Atherton, of Ashton on Ribble, Preston, Lancashire, to Miss Frances Hope Durkin, daughter of Air Marshal Sir Herbert and Lady Durkin, of Northwood, Middlesex. The Rev J. Houseago officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Helen, Charlotte and Olivia Durkin. Mr Paul Laidler was best man.

A reception was held at Moor Park Golf Club, Rickmansworth, and the honeymoon will be spent in Scotland.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr R.B. Ambery and Miss J.C. Harrod

The engagement is announced between Richard, elder son of the late Mr R. Ambery and of Mrs Y. Ambery, of Harpenden, Hertfordshire, and Joanna, eldest daughter of Dr and Mrs R. Harrod, of Cheltenham, Gloucestershire.

Mr K. Bryant and Miss K.M. Morrogh Bernard

The engagement is announced between Keith, son of Mr and Mrs Keith Bryant, of Borden, Kent, and Kate, daughter of the late Major John Morrogh Bernard and of Lady Blewitt and stepdaughter of Major Sir Shane Blewitt, of Duncton, West Sussex.

Mr A.D. Duncan and Miss A.M. Roshier

The engagement is announced between Andrew, younger son of Mr and Mrs A.D.C. Duncan, of Enfield, Middlesex, and Annabel, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs C.E. Roshier, of Twickenham, Middlesex.

Mr S.D. Laughton and Miss M.F. Little

The engagement is announced between Samuel, son of Mr and Mrs D.S. Laughton, of Penn, Buckinghamshire, and Margaret, daughter of Mr and Mrs R.H. Little, of St Albans.

Mr T.R. de Putron and Miss L.M. Anderson

The engagement is announced between Timothy Richard, younger son of Mr and Mrs J.W. de Putron, of Guernsey, and Laura Margaret, daughter of Mr and Mrs R.W. Anderson, of Muirhead, Scotland.

Mr R.P. Tozzi and Ms H.A. Cutler

The engagement is announced between Robert, son of Mrs E. Harris and the late Mr R. Tozzi, of Midhurst, West Sussex, and Heather, daughter of Mr and Mrs R. Cutler, of Wombourne, Staffordshire.

Mr D.P. Wardley and Miss T.M. Turner

The engagement is announced between Duncan, younger son of Mr and Mrs Bryan Wardley, of Oxford, and Tessa, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs John Turner, of Hempnall, Norfolk.

Birthdays today

Sir Godfrey Agnew, former Clerk of the Privy Council, 80; Sir Anthony Beaumont-Dark, former MP, 61; Miss Maria Bueno, tennis player, 54; the Hon Sir Adam Butler, former MP, 62; Mr Bobby Charlton, footballer, 56; Vice-Admiral Sir John Coward, 56; Miss Valerie Cumming, deputy director, Museum of London, 47; Sir Timothy Daunt, diplomat, 58; Sir Michael Edwardes, former chairman, British Leyland, 63; Mr Geoffrey Haslam, former chairman, Prudential Corporation, 79; Sir Denys Henderson, chairman, ICI, 61; Vice-Admiral Sir Ian McIntosh, 74; Mr Alan Pascoe, athlete, 46; Major-General F.J.C. Piggott, 83; Lord Prior, 66; Dame Diana Reader Harris, former headmistress, Sherborne School for Girls, 81; Mr David Rendall, tenor, 45; Dame Paddy Ridsdale, 72; Air Chief Marshal Sir Michael Stear, 55; Lord Tordoff, 65; Mr Thomas Wheare, headmaster, Bryanston School, 49.



Dawn French, the comedienne, is 36 today

New officers

Tylers' and Bricklayers' Company

The following have been installed officers of the Tylers' and Bricklayers' Company for the ensuing year:

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BIRTHS

GRAY - On the 7th October to Samantha (née Winspeir) and Robert, a miracle son, Marcus Joseph. Deo Gratias.

LAWRENSON - On 26th September, to Penelope (née Moore) and David, a son Alexander George.

MONNAS - On Sunday 3rd October 1993 to Lisa (née Tryponis) and Alexander, a daughter, Pandora, a sister for Peter.

SCOTT - On October 2nd to Amanda (née Parker) and Terence, a son Charles Alexander.

SHEEHY On September 26th to Marie-Helene and Michael in Paris, a son Theodore Antoine, a brother for Timothy

DEATHS

ADDINSELL - On October 7th, suddenly, Paul, aged 85, beloved husband of Catherine, father of Jessica and Simon, most loving Grandfather of Toby, Emily and Sophie. All welcome at the funeral service 1.00pm Thursday 14th October at All Saints, Blackheath, followed by committal at Honor Oak Crematorium. No flowers by request of Catherine, but donations would be gratefully received by the British Heart

DEATHS

COATES - On Thursday 7th October at Kingston Hospital, William Albert dearly loved husband of Daphne and father to Lynne and Deborah. Late of the Royal Institution of G.B. and Imperial College. Funeral on Thursday 14th October, at Kingston Crematorium at 1030 am. Enquires to F.W. Paine 081 546 4813.

DAY - Diana died 7th October 1993 aged 50. Much loved and sadly missed by family and friends. Funeral service on 18th October at St Michael's Church, Elmwood Road, Chiswick London W4 at 11.45am, Family flowers only, donations to Charing Cross Hospital Cancer Research.

DELAMOTHE On Friday 8th October 1993 in London, Joan, Lady Delamothe, widow of Sir Peter Delamothe, survived by Margaret, Tony and Katrina and five grandchildren. Service at 10am on Friday 15th October at Putney Vale Crematorium, Stag Lane SW15

FORDHAM - Elsie Morley on Tuesday 5th October 1993 at Wellington Lodge Club, Windsor, peacefully after illness. Funeral at Easthampstead Park Crematorium, Wokingham on Wednesday 13th October at 11.30 am. Donations to The Red Cross Association. Enquiries to Cyril H. Lovegrove, Funeral Directors, Tel: 0344 421949.

GREENALL - On 6th October

DEATHS

HALSE - On 6th October 1993 after a long illness, Brigadier Richard Clarence (Herbert) Halse C.B.E. aged 88 years, husband of Sylvia and father of Caroline. As he left his body for medical research there will be no funeral. Memorial service to be announced later.

HEATH - On 8th October peacefully after a stroke, Tony (F.M.N), the much loved husband of Bobby (Roberta), and father of Lamorna, Jeremy, Sarah and Patrick, and loving father in law and grandfather. Funeral at St Dunstans, Southborough, Kent on Wednesday 13th October at 2.00pm. Family flowers only donations to St. Johns Ambulance Helston Cornwall and Friends of Pembury Hospital Tunbridge Wells and CAFOD.

LENOX-CONYNGHAM - See Schefer

MORGAN-GRENVILLE - Fern peacefully on 8th October 1993 at St Michael's Hospice, Hereford following a long illness bravely borne. Dearly loved mother of Garth and Tarquin Roberts, darling daughter of Elizabeth Jackson and sister of Michael. Funeral on 15th October 1993 at Patrick Church near Cricklowetil at 2 pm. Flowers to R.J. Bevan Windbridge, Church Road, Gilwern, Abergavenny, Gwent, or donations in lieu

DEATHS

SCHEFER On October 8th 1993 peacefully in hospital after a short illness in the United States, Eileen Mary aged 93 years widow of Edward Schefer and much loved mother of Anton. Funeral service at Falls Church, Virginia, U.S.A. Memorial service at Lavenham, Suffolk. Date to be announced later.

SMITH - On October 8th 1993, by Elgin, Morayshire after much suffering, Richard, aged 73 years, dear second son of Dorothy and the late Major Sumner Smith M.C. R.A.M.C. of Farningham, Kent, a brave life. Cremation private, no flowers, but donations, if desired, to Cancer Relief.

WALLIS - On 7th October John, dearly loved husband of Nina and son of Tommy and adored stepfather and grandfather to Caroline, Justin, Rupert and Victoria. Funeral at Putney Vale Crematorium on Wednesday 13th October at 12 noon. No flowers but donations if desired to the St John's Hospice, Grove End Road, London NW8

WILLIAMS - E N (Taffy) on 8th October peacefully at the John Radcliffe Hospital Oxford, aged 76. Very dear husband of Joyce.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

LESTER - A Service of Thanksgiving for the life and work of Keith Lester F.R.A.D. will be held at St Paul's Church, Covent

MEMORIAL SERVICES

WESTMORLAND - A Memorial Service for the 15th Earl of Westmorland will be held at the Guards Chapel at 2.30 pm on Tuesday November 2nd.

IN MEMORIAM – PRIVATE

HARVEY - On 11th October 1979 Edgar Thomas C.B.E. Always so lovingly and gratefully remembered. Helen and Jeremy.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TRICIA and Martin announce their engagement. Black tie liners optional for Polesden Lacey 95 guests at the wedding on 16 April 1994 of the future Mr. and Mrs Richardson.

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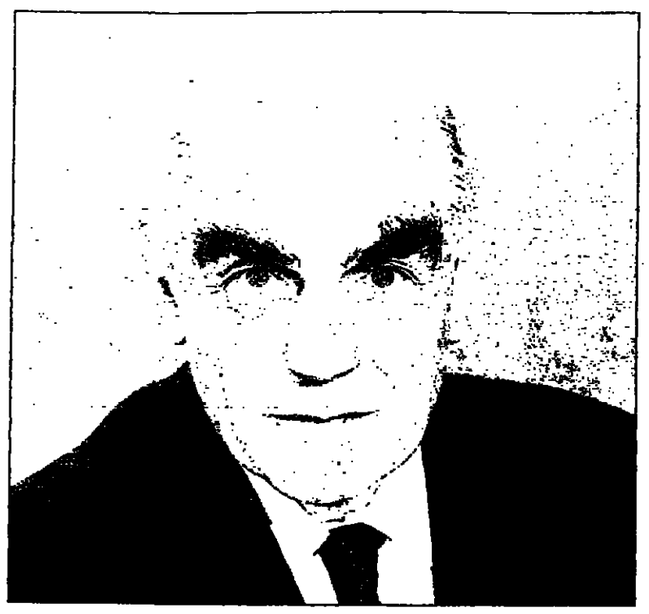
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OBITUARIES

SIR DAVID SELLS

Sir David Sells, barrister, businessman and chairman of the Central Council of the Conservative party, 1977-78, died on September 29 aged 75. He was born on June 23, 1918.



DAVID SELLS had the perfect attributes for a Tory grassroots activist. Time and time again he would produce appropriate words of good cheer when dark clouds gathered and others became more and more agitated and depressed. He had a gift for the cheery phrase.

Tall, beetle-browed with a booming voice and a stormbreaker's handshake, he was prominent on the constituency side of the Conservative party — at national level — for 16 years. In 1978, he presided over Margaret Thatcher's last party conference as leader of the Opposition, doing so with a gusto reminiscent of Lord Hailsham.

David Perronet Sells, the son of Edward Perronet Sells, was educated at Sandroyd and Repton before going up to Christ Church, Oxford, where he read law. In 1941 he was commissioned into the 2nd Battalion of the Coldstream Guards and saw active service in North Africa and in Italy. Wounded in the Italian campaign, he taught himself Italian while in hospital and became proficient enough to act as a liaison officer between the advancing Allies and the surrendering Italians. He ended the war as a major.

The law was his next target, while at the same time intending to seek a career in the House of Commons. Called to the Bar by the Inner Temple in 1947, he was taken on in the same chambers as a future Lord Chief Justice, John Widgery. The two became firm and lifelong friends and for years shared the same weekend hobby, going to the races.

The Bar held a marked appeal but his practice was short-lived. Briefs were few and far between and the financial demands of marriage and a young family meant he had to look elsewhere. A succession of business interests followed — coal distribution, rope-making and the excavation and landscaping of lakes. Probably the business project that gave him most pleasure was the huge lake in the water gardens at Balmoral, which Prince Philip asked him to create.

In the 1950s he sought selection for several Tory seats in East Anglia — his home at the time was in Bedfordshire — but without success. His best effort was to make the final short-list of three for the Bury St Edmunds constituency. Eldon Griffiths was selected and David Sells and Michael Havers (a future attorney-general and Lord Chancellor) were disappointed.

Unlike many who give service at local level and then fail to find a winnable seat, he was not embittered by the experience. In 1961 he welcomed being chosen as chairman of the Cambridgeshire constituency Conservative association, a post he was to hold for five years. The chairmanship of the Eastern Area of the Conservative party followed. A professional agent who worked for him recalled: "Of the grandees in the voluntary side of the party he was about the best."

He spent much time in Cambridge getting to know up-and-coming young Tories at the university, urging them to become more involved. But life as an area chairman was not all plain sailing. He was once ordered by Central Office to get a prospective candidate de-selected, having been warned that there was no way that the person concerned would get the party's imprimatur at national level. The deed was done — and without any blood showing on the carpet.

From 1965 to 1981 he was on the executive committee of the National Union of Conservative and Unionist Associations, a rather longer period than it is usual to serve on that body. During this time he also became involved in European politics as chairman of the Euro-constituency for Cambridgeshire, a post he held until 1985.

Gradually, however, he came to feel a certain disillusionment with the politics of the 1980s. His own views were basically those of the One Nation vintage — more humane, progressive and caring than the policies that were being advanced over the past decade. He took it particularly badly when Francis Pym, the former Foreign Secretary, and James Prior, both men he had known for years, were eased out of the government by Margaret Thatcher.

Sir David was a good host, a man with a sense of humour who added to the conviviality of any social occasion. He and his wife enjoyed entertaining their friends with political discussion on a lively level into the early hours. They maintained a second home high up on the hills near Avignon, a bolt-hole thoroughly enjoyed by their friends especially for its lovely garden which had been created from bare earth.

Shooting, fishing and painting were regular hobbies. But his real love was racing and over the years he enjoyed a share in several racehorses. One, the unprepossessing grey Absolom, won that good sprint the Tote Free Handicap at Haydock and then went on to win a big race in Milan partnered by Lester Piggott. More unusually, he loved letter-writing and would cheerfully pen amusing, gossipy letters to friends in a beautiful Italian script. These lightened many a breakfast table and were of a quality that made some recipients put them away with their family papers and heirlooms rather than consign them to the wastepaper basket.

David Sells was knighted in 1980. He is survived by his wife, the former Beryl Charrington, whom he married in 1948, and their three sons.

RICHARD DUFTY

Richard Dufty, CBE, former Master of the Armouries in the Tower of London, died on October 5 aged 82. He was born on June 23, 1911.



DICK DUFTY'S schooldays had a profound influence on his life. A former Master of the Armouries, visiting Rugby School, inspired in him a passion for arms and armour which stayed with Dufty until the day he died. While other boys collected stamps or birds' eggs, young Dufty was accumulating flint-lock pistols.

At the same time he found a good way of escaping sports days at that eponymous temple of Rugby football. While contemporaries were packing down in the scrum, he developed an early interest in old churches and toured the rural parishes on his bicycle, with the benign approval of the school. (John Betjeman, who later became a friend, pursued a similar interest while at Marlborough.) This pattern of activities shaped Dufty's life. He was to become not only the first full-time Master of the Armouries but also a leading authority on old churches and a powerful voice on the preservation of Britain's heritage.

Arthur Richard Dufty was born in Hull, the son of a bank manager who was killed in Flanders in 1915. From Rugby he went to Liverpool School of Architecture and practised briefly after qualifying. In 1937, however, he joined the Royal Commission on Historical Monuments which had been set up to record Britain's architectural inheritance. The work of compiling detailed inventories for each county or major conurbation was almost tailor-made for him.

But he gave it all up during the war, serving below decks in the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve, in and around British home waters. At one time he slept in a hammock in HMS *Victory* when Nelson's flagship was being used as a surplus barracks.

Resuming his career at the Royal Commission after the war, Dufty rose to become its secretary and general editor in 1962 — thereby responsible for the National Monuments Record. The two-volume meticulously detailed register of Cambridge, with a separate book of maps, was one of the achievements in which Dufty took particular pride.

In parallel with his work at the commission, Dufty had also established a considerable reputation not only as a collector of arms and armour but also as an administrator and organiser. One year after being put in charge of the commission he was thus offered the post of Master of the Armouries.

Dufty was very much out of the traditional mould for the part-time job: an amateur gentleman collector who would rule on the overall strategy at the Armouries, while leaving the day-to-day work to the small permanent staff.

Over the next decade, however, he revitalised the exhibition so successfully that he turned it into a full-time director's post. In 1973, therefore, he took early retirement from the Royal Commission after 36 years and became the first full-time Master of the Armouries, finally retiring in 1976. The present galleries, especially those in the White Tower, have been largely credited to Dufty's flair and influence. (In recent months he had made known his opposition to the proposal to move part of the Armouries from the Tower to Leeds.)

But he was also ever branching out into fresh fields. While secretary, and later president, of the Society of Antiquaries he masterminded the restoration of Kelmscott Manor, the Oxfordshire country home of William Morris. The house had been left to Oxford University, but with such restrictions on its use that it was rapidly becoming an empty ruin — and a grave embarrassment to the university.

After taking legal advice, Kelmscott was handed over to the society, the transaction being completed with Dick Dufty over port at a high table in Oxford. He then set about the mammoth job of restoration, together with the architectural firm of Donald Insall. The result was held to be a conservation triumph. Dufty also became so engrossed in William Morris that he became a leading expert on Morris's work. At one time he stayed in the restored manor and during the last two years of his life he lived nearby.

Dufty sat on a vast number of committees, including many concerned with church architecture although he had no deep personal religious convictions. In 1988 the Archbishop of Canterbury conferred on him an honorary DLitt in a ceremony at Lambeth Palace. Christopher Fry was among the others honoured at the same time. Two years previously he received a conservation award from *The Times*.

Dufty was a big man in all senses of the phrase. Full of good humour he was said to be one of the best committee chairmen in the country — with a talent for harnessing people with different talents and making them work as a team. He was a notable raconteur and after-dinner speaker.

His publications included: *Kelmscott: An Illustrated Guide* (1970); *Morris Embroideries: The Prototypes* (1985); *Exoticism and a Chair by Philip Webb* (1986). Victoriana and art nouveau were among his special interests.

Dick Dufty's first wife Kitty died two years ago and he is survived by his second wife Jean and a son and two daughters from his first marriage.

JIM HOLTON

Jim Holton, former Manchester United and Scotland centre-half, died at the wheel of his car of a suspected heart attack on October 4 aged 42. He was born at Lesmahagow, Lanarkshire, on April 11, 1951.

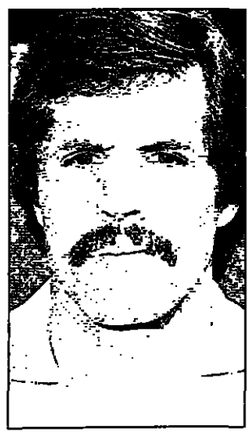
JIM HOLTON's career at Old Trafford was brief but his impact was enormous. A big, rumbustious central defender, Holton became a cult figure at a club more famous for its vivid attacking play, where the supporters' heroes had always been players of extravagant talent and personality — Edwards and Colman, Law, Best and Charlton. The club shop even sold car stickers bearing the legend "Six foot two, eyes of blue, Big Jim Holton's after you."

Holton arrived at a time when United were a club in decline, struggling, ultimately unsuccessfully, to avoid dropping into the second division, and for a time at least doing so by forsaking many of their principles.

If they took the urge to fight for survival too literally, Holton was a prime mover. He joined West Bromwich Albion from junior football, but failed to make an impression and was allowed to drift into the lower divisions — to Shrewsbury where he came under the influence of the manager, the former United goalkeeper Harry Gregg, who appreciated Holton's commitment and enthusiasm.

Under Gregg's tutelage, Holton began to attract attention, and in January 1973 he joined Manchester United. He was still raw, but his commitment and sheer physical presence gave United a lift. The club avoided relegation that season by a whisker, and Gregg earned a call-up for Scotland as a reward.

United could not survive on effort, or intimidation, alone and they went down the following season. Holton, however, was developing into a much more rounded centre-half than the demon figure of



terrace mythology. His physical presence was still imposing, his power in the air formidable, and his tackling still fierce, but he had learnt when not to commit himself, and his tackles now looked less rash.

Although United were relegated in the spring, Holton's career reached its peak in the summer of 1974, when he was an outstanding success in Scotland's World Cup team. He had made his debut in 1973 in the 2-0 victory over Wales, and quickly established himself as Scotland's centre-half, winning his 15 caps between 1973 and 1975.

In the World Cup his displays revealed that he was much more than just a crude stopper. He proved a quick learner as he encountered the different requirements of international football and he returned to United a better player, one well able to adapt to the change of style as United at last remembered their traditions.

They began the season with a flourish, and were soon dominating the second division, winning promotion as champions at the first attempt. They were equally impressive when they began their first season back in the first division, but Holton's contribution came to an abrupt end as he broke his leg against Sheffield United in December. A second break in a reserve game as he began his comeback was to prove effectively the end of his United career.

By the time he was fit again, Brian Greenhoff, the England international, was established in his place. Holton had played a mere 69 games for United, scoring five goals when he moved on to Sunderland and then Coventry, without ever recapturing his old dominating ability. He finished his playing career with Sheffield Wednesday, although he never played for the club because of injury. When he retired in 1981, he returned to Coventry to become a publican. He is survived by his wife and two children.

LEILA CAMPBELL

Leila Campbell, former LCC, GLC and Ilea member and chairman of the Hampstead Theatre Board, died on October 2 from cancer aged 82. She was born in 1911.



AN ACTIVE member of the Labour party since the late 1930s, Leila Campbell was first elected to the old London County Council as a member for Holborn and St Pancras in 1958. She served on that body until its winding-up in 1964, then transferring to the Greater London Council as a representative for Camden.

But her main political work was done in the field of education, where she was chairman of the (now abolished) Inner London Education Authority for a year (1977-78) and vice-chairman for ten years. Her particular sphere of interest lay in the authority's extensive network of day and boarding schools for children with special needs. It was her ambition to visit every such school and, although this was never achieved, she managed to see and be seen at a great number. She also served as a governor of the the Frank Barnes School for the Deaf, the Franklin Roosevelt School for the Physically Handicapped and the Royal Free Hospital School.

All this, together with her successive membership of two borough councils (first Hampstead and then Camden, from the latter of which she retired only in 1978), might have been thought enough to fill one life. But Leila Campbell was a woman of indomitable energy and her other great passion was the theatre. She had an abiding link with the Central School for Speech and Drama, which was assisted by Ilea until 1988.

But by then her own principal focus of interest had become the Hampstead Theatre in whose move from its first home near the Everyman Cinema to its new site at Swiss Cottage she had, as a Hampstead councillor, played a crucial part. She served on the theatre's board from 1978, taking over the chair in 1985 and holding it until within weeks of her death.

In that time she worked alongside four successive theatre directors — Michael Rudman, David Aukin, Michael Attenborough and Jenny Topper — all of whom came to number her as a strong supporter and friend.

She would usually see a Hampstead production at least three times — on the first occasion (normally at the final preview) invariably murmuring, "That was wonderful, now I have to go away and think about it". She was also a great admirer of the playwright Michael Frayn, two of whose plays were first produced at Hampstead. She never claimed to be anything more than "an amateur enthusiast" but to the theatre and its staff she displayed a remarkable example of pastoral care.

Her husband Andrew Campbell, a former Labour party agent, died in 1968. She is survived by her daughter.

BRIGADIER R. C. HALSE

Brigadier Richard Clarence Halse, CBE, military lawyer, died on October 6 aged 88. He was born on January 18, 1905.

BRIGADIER R. C. Halse was the Director of Army Legal Services from 1955 to 1962, and in 1979 was made the first Colonel Commandant of the Army Legal Corps.

This was the culmination of a lifetime's devotion to the Army's legal services. Educated at Wellington and Corpus Christi, Cambridge, from which he graduated in law in 1925, Halse — always known as "Herbert" — was admitted a solicitor in 1929.

He was given a Territorial commission in the King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry in 1925, later transferring to the 22nd London Regiment (The Queen's Surrey Regiment), and in 1936 he became a regular officer, serving in the military department of the Judge Advocate General's office.

By the time war broke out in 1939, Halse was a lieutenant-colonel. He saw action in France, West Africa and, from 1944, in Europe. Immediately afterwards he was made one of the officers in charge of war crimes and was prosecutor at the trials of Field Marshal Kesselring (whom he kept supplied with pipe tobacco during the trial), General Falkenhurst and many others.

In 1946 he was prosecutor in the trial of General Berhard von Mackensen and Lieutenant-General Kurt Maeltzer, who together were charged with organising the mechanical butchery of 335 Italians in a disused quarry outside Rome during the latter stages of the war.

The court heard the harrowing details of how local prisons had been combed to find enough victims for a "ten-for-one" reprisal after 32 German police had been killed by a bomb, thrown from the window of a house in Rome, in March 1944. In 1945 Halse was mentioned in dispatches and in the same year he was appointed OBE.

In the years that followed he was Deputy Advocate General, British Army of the Rhine, and, on the reorganisation of the military legal services in 1948, was appointed the first Deputy Director of Army Legal Services with the rank of colonel, becoming director with the rank of brigadier in 1955. In that year he was appointed CBE.

It was as Director of Army Legal Services that he was most closely involved in the reform of military law, resulting in the passing of the Army Act 1955 — *the first major attempt to modernise the legislation regulating the Army.*

Halse retired from the regular Army in 1962. Thereafter he joined the legal branch of the Post Office and continued to practise advocacy regularly until the end of 1986.

When Army Legal Services became one of the corps of the Army in 1978, it was wholly appropriate that Brigadier Halse should be the first Colonel Commandant, an appointment which he fulfilled with vigour and enthusiasm.

He made an enormous contribution to both British and Commonwealth military law, editing or contributing to successive editions of the *British Manual of Military Law* and drafting defence legislation for countries such as Nigeria, Kenya, Uganda, Tanganyika, Ghana, the West Indies, Belize and Tonga. He also wrote a manual of military law for Jamaica.

He is survived by his wife Sylvia and his daughter.

IDYLLIC LIFE IN A PRISON

From Our Own Correspondent

Paris Oct. 10

The case came up today before the Magistrate at Pont L'Evêque, in Normandy, of what has come to be known as the "merry prison" which in its setting and details might have come straight from the pages of Courteline.

The matter goes back some years, to the period after the war when the prison at Pont L'Evêque was suddenly flooded by criminals of a far more practised kind than had been seen there before. The staff of the prison found themselves overwhelmed, particularly the head warder, M. Billa, upon whom the convicts worked until they were more or less running the prison.

There was free coming and going, it seems, even to Deauville. Women friends visited the prison with the greatest of ease, there was a wireless in each cell, and on one occasion some of the prisoners attended a ball at the subprefecture. By a deft alteration or destruction of the judicial documents, sentences were shortened and men quitted the prison as much as two years before their time was due. The fact that the prisoners always chose to return after their daily outings is in itself a tribute to the idyllic (and incidentally cheap) life which came to be the rule at this remarkable prison.

At the hearing today the two accused were ex-superintendent Billa and Georges Snudd, a convict who had been serving seven years' hard labour for armed violence, and who became Billa's confidant. This is only the first trial, and later this month seven former convicts will come up before the Calvados Assizes, charged with forgery. The charge against Billa is merely that of negligence in favouring interference with official documents, and that against Snudde is the active corruption of a Civil servant.

In court today the chairman of the bench asked Snudde if he had ever received his mistress in prison. Snudde appeared to be shocked and replied: "Never ... well, at least, only in the parlour."

Billa was sentenced to three years' imprisonment and a fine of 50,000 francs (£50) and Snudde to four months' imprisonment. Billa's counsel had argued that his client was in fact a forerunner of prison reform and had merely been trying to avoid the hiatus between the life of a free man and that of a convict.

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NEWS

Heseltine challenges Tory right

■ Michael Heseltine, who indicated in an interview yesterday that he still considered himself a potential future leader of the Conservatives, warned the right of the party that anti-European rhetoric carried economic dangers and continued bickering could result in dire political consequences.

Mr Heseltine, who suffered a heart attack four months ago, said he was heading for a complete recovery and echoed John Major's warning to the Tory party conference on the perils of disunity Pages 1, 2, 7, 14, 15

US ponders deal with Aidid

■ The Clinton administration was considering peace negotiations with the Somali warlord, General Muhammad Farrah Aidid, according to reports in Mogadishu circulating as thousands of Aidid supporters demonstrated Pages 1, 11, 15

Book dispute

Lord Howe of Aberavon and Lord Lawson of Blaby have rejected criticism by Baroness Thatcher in her memoirs, *The Downing Street Years* Pages 1, 2, 14

Gorbachev hint

Mikhail Gorbachev, the former Soviet leader, indicated that he was considering a political comeback in Russian presidential elections Pages 1, 10

Gaddafi duped

Muammar Gaddafi of Libya has been tricked out of $3 million (£1.9 million) by a group of Americans posing as CIA officials who persuaded him that they would be able to help his country avoid further sanctions over the Lockerbie bombing Page 2

Boy on the run

A Yorkshire boy of 13, wanted for a series of burglaries and car crimes and described by the police as a "crime wave on his own", was on the run after social services had authorised his detention Page 3

Mackay jeered

Magistrates greeted the Lord Chancellor, Lord Mackay of Clashfern, with loud jeers and hisses over his plans to reorganise courts Page 5

Old folks at home

Some relatives looking after elderly people are registering as private residential home owners to claim up the £300 a week towards costs Page 4

Tower rooms 'faked'

English Heritage has complained that newly recreated medieval apartments in the Tower of London are historically inaccurate and illegal Page 5

Women's race

Oxford is leading the Church of England race to ordain women priests Page 5

Yeltsin rules

President Yeltsin has decreed that all Russia's regional councils should be subordinate to local administrators loyal to him and has ordered elections Page 10

Safeguarding accord

Worsening attacks by Arab hardliners on Jewish targets would not be allowed to diminish Israel's determination to implement peace agreements with the PLO Page 11

Bhutto returns

Punjab fell to Benazir Bhutto and her allies in provincial polls virtually clinching her return as Pakistan prime minister Page 11

School cash enquiry

A Commons select committee is investigating large differences in money spent on primary and secondary school pupils Page 4

Mafia links

Agreements between Russian criminals and Italy's main Mafia groups have been reached to run trade in drugs and nuclear material, according to a leading Italian investigator Page 10

Cash and carry the Russian way

■ Well-mannered crewmen of the Russian training ship, *Gangut*, turned Dartmouth into a huge marketplace, selling everything they could carry ashore. Then, their pockets bulging with real money, they swept through shops buying up music centres, radios, microwave cookers, food and fruit. Devonians were sorry to see them leave yesterday Page 1



Andreas Papandreou greets his socialist Pasok party followers who were anticipating victory in yesterday's Greek election. Pages 1, 9

SPORT

Football: Barnet gained their first point of the season after ten consecutive second division defeats when they managed to hold Cardiff City to a goalless draw at Underhill yesterday Page 25

Equestrianism: Nick Skelton registered his first success of the week by winning the Everest Championship and its £3,000 prize on Showtime at the Horse of the Year Show at Wembley Page 20

Boxing: Chris Eubank said nobody deserved to win. Nigel Benn insisted that he won by three clear rounds. Srikumar Sen assesses the super-middleweight clash that, for once, lived up to all the pre-fight hype Pages 19, 21

BUSINESS

Bank on it: The Alliance & Leicester Building Society is to set up a new bank next spring. The fourth largest society needs the approval of the Bank of England and the Building Societies Commission in order to go ahead Page 36

Light at the end?: As Eurotunnel reports its half-year figures, Ross Tieman looks at prospects for the Channel Tunnel when the trains start next year Page 34

Gloomy week?: Gloomy surveys from Dun & Bradstreet, the financial information company, and the CBI today start the week in which the September unemployment and inflation statistics will be released Page 33

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Seamless confessional: For nine consecutive hours a day, Monday to Friday, the American couch potato can watch Oprah-style talk shows, one after another. Kate Muir joins the voyeurs Page 12

Spring preview: Each designer did a version of the little dress, the most important item in next season's wardrobe. Iain R. Webb in Paris and Milan Pages 9, 13

EDUCATION

Returning spotlight: Opting out may have slipped down the educational agenda, but the centrepiece of Conservative educational reform is about to return to the limelight Page 31

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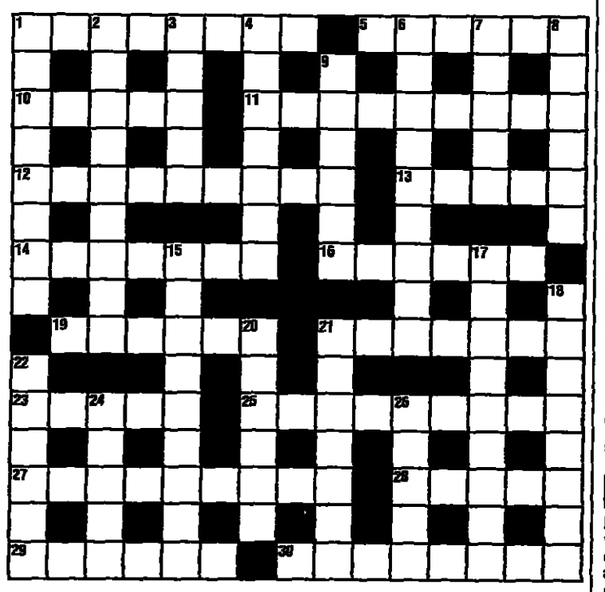
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Southern and central England and Wales will be rather cloudy with rain at first. Brighter weather with heavy showers will follow from the south with patchy rain extending into northern England during the afternoon. Northern Ireland and much of Scotland will have sunny intervals, although northern Scotland will have some showers. It will be chilly in the north. Outlook: unsettled with showers or longer periods of rain.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	23	73	f	Madrid	17	63	d
Akrotiri	31	88	s	Majorca	22	72	f
Alex'dria	27	81	f	Malaga	20	68	c
Algiers	27	81	s	Malta	27	81	s
Amst'dm	15	59	s	Melb'rne	8	46	r
Athens	26	79	f	Miami*	29	84	t
Bahrain	33	91	s	Milan	14	57	f
Bangkok	30	86	f	Montreal*	5	41	f
Barbados*	29	84	c	Moscow	13	55	f
Barcelona	22	72	f	Munich	16	61	c
Beirut	26	79	s	Nairobi	26	79	c
Belgrade	23	73	s	Naples	25	77	s
Berlin	16	61	f	N Delhi	32	90	s
Bermuda*	29	84	f	N York*	24	75	s
Biarritz	23	73	s	Nice	14	57	r
Borde'x	22	72	f	Oslo	9	48	d
Brussels	16	61	s	Paris	17	63	f
Budapst	19	66	f	Peking	21	70	s
B Aires*	28	82	s	Perth	17	63	s
Cairo	30	86	s	Prague	16	61	s
Cape Tn	20	68	s	Reykjavik	5	41	f
Chicago*	7	45	c	Rhodes	25	77	s
Ch'church	20	68	s	Rio de J	28	82	s
Cologne	17	63	s	Riyadh	35	95	s
C'hagn	11	52	c	Rome	23	73	s
Corfu	26	79	s	Salzburg	17	63	s
Dublin	10	50	f	S P'toco*	18	64	c
Dubrovnik	22	72	s	Santiago*	28	82	s
Faro	22	72	s	S Paulo*	27	81	s
Florence	19	66	f	Seoul	19	66	s
Frankfurt	15	59	f	Sing'por	33	91	f
Funchal	24	75	s	Stckholm	10	50	c
Geneva	13	55	s	Strasb'rg	18	64	f
Gibraltar	21	70	c	Sydney	20	68	s
Helsinki	8	46	r	Tangier	21	70	c
Hong K	28	82	s	Tel Aviv	29	84	s
Innsbruck	15	59	f	Tenerife	25	77	f
Istanbul	25	77	s	Tokyo	23	73	f
Jeddah	35	95	s	Toronto*	3	37	r
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Karachi	36	97	s	Valencia	27	81	f
L Palmas	24	75	s	Vanc'ver*	15	59	s
Le Touq't	17	63	c	Venice	17	63	f
Lisbon	18	64	r	Vienna	15	59	c
Locarno	13	55	d	Warsaw	15	59	f
L Angels*	21	70	c	Wash'ton*	26	79	s
Luxemb'g	13	55	s	Wel'ngton	15	59	f
Luxor	37	99	s	Zurich	11	52	f

* denotes figures are latest available

LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 16C (61F); min 6pm to 6am, 11C (52F). Humidity: 6pm, 65 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6pm, nil. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 3.0hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6pm, 1,002.8 millibars, rising. 1,000 millibars = 29.53in.

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Saturday: Highest day temp: Colwyn Bay, Clywd 18C (64F); lowest day max: Spadeadam, Cumbria 10C (50F). highest rainfall: Southsea, Hampshire 1.65in, highest sunshine: Scilly Isles 8.2hr.

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 16C (61F); min 6pm to 6am, 7C (45F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, 0.01in. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 8.3hr.

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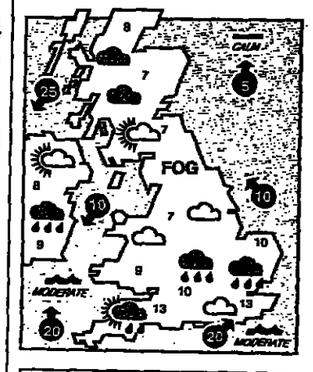
	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	-	0.47	11	52	rain
Anglesey	4.6	-	15	59	bright
Aviemore	-	0.14	10	50	rain
Belfast	3.7	0.17	14	57	shower
Birmingham	6.6	-	15	59	sunny
Bognor Regis	2.7	0.44	14	57	shower
Bournemouth	4.6	0.57	15	59	shower
Bristol	6.6	0.20	15	59	shower
Buxton	3.7	0.12	13	55	sunny
Cardiff	5.6	0.11	15	59	shower
Cromer	X	-	17	63	sunny
Edinburgh	-	0.61	12	54	rain
Eskdalemuir	-	0.35	10	50	rain
Exmouth	6.0	0.28	15	59	shower
Falmouth	7.5	0.17	15	59	sunny
Folkestone	5.1	0.10	14	57	shower
Glasgow	-	0.39	12	54	rain
Guernsey	7.3	-	17	63	sunny
Hastings	3.2	0.38	14	57	shower
Hunstanton	4.8	-	15	59	bright
Isle of Man	4.6	0.07	14	57	bright
Jersey	7.1	-	16	61	sunny
Kinloss	-	0.09	12	54	rain
Leeds	3.6	-	15	59	sunny
Lerwick	1.7	0.10	12	54	bright
Littlehampton	2.8	0.37	14	57	shower
Liverpool	3.4	0.42	15	59	bright
London	5.0	0.06	14	57	shower
Lowestoft	7.2	0.19	15	59	sunny
Manchester	4.3	0.38	15	59	sunny
Margate	5.7	0.06	13	55	thundr
Minehead	X	0.11	16	61	shower
Morecambe	3.0	0.07	15	59	bright
Newcastle	-	0.51	12	54	rain
Newquay	8.1	0.01	15	59	sunny
Nottingham	3.2	-	15	59	fog
Penzance	7.4	0.16	16	61	sunny
Plymouth	6.6	0.23	15	59	shower
Sandown	2.3	1.30	14	57	rain
Saunton Snd	7.9	0.05	15	59	sunny
Scarborough	1.0	0.31	13	55	thundr
Scilly Isles	8.2	0.02	15	59	sunny
Shoeburyness	2.8	1.57	15	59	thundr
Southend	3.5	0.04	14	57	bright
Southsea	3.4	1.65	15	59	rain
Stornoway	6.1	-	13	55	sunny
Swanage	4.4	0.69	15	59	shower
Teignmouth	X	0.10	15	59	shower
Tenby	3.0	0.25	14	57	shower
Tiree	2.5	0.02	14	57	cloudy
Torquay	6.9	0.04	16	61	bright
Weymouth	6.0	0.17	16	61	sunny

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Australia $	2.41	2.21
Austria Sch	18.44	18.94
Belgium Fr	56.70	52.30
Canada $	2.15	1.99
Cyprus Cypf	0.786	0.735
Denmark Kr	10.62	9.82
Finland Mrk	9.39	8.59
France Fr	9.14	8.44
Germany Dm	2.62	2.41
Greece Dr	372.50	347.50
Hong Kong $	12.43	11.43
Ireland Pr	1.095	1.015
Italy Lira	2545.00	2390.00
Japan Yen	178.00	166.50
Malta	0.610	0.555
Netherlands Gld	2.94	2.71
Norway Kr	11.39	10.59
Portugal Esc	268.00	247.50
South Africa Rd	5.80	5.00
Spain Pta	207.50	193.50
Sweden Kr	12.81	12.01
Switzerland Fr	2.30	2.12
Turkey Lira	18800.00	17800.00
USA $	1.62	1.49

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Bristol 6.56 pm to 6.57 am
Edinburgh 6.52 pm to 7.06 am
Manchester 6.52 pm to 6.59 am
Penzance 7.09 pm to 7.08 am

Sun rises: 7.18 am
Sun sets: 6.16 pm
Moon rises 1.51 am
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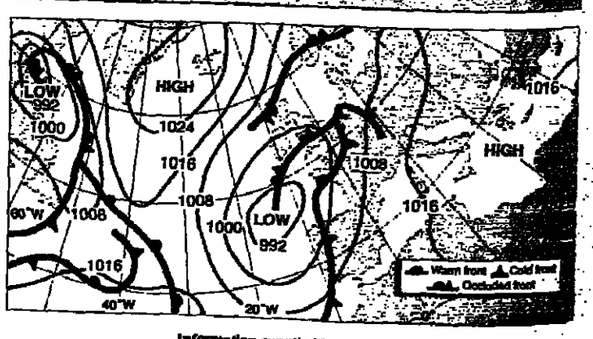
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Blackpool	13	55	f	Jersey	16	61	s
Bristol	15	59	c	London	15	59	f
Cardiff	15	59	s	M'chester	13	55	s
Edinburgh	11	52	f	Newcastle	13	55	s
Glasgow	12	54	c	R'nldsway	13	55	f

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HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	10.01	5.7	10.55	6.1	Liverpool	7.57	7.6	8.27	8.1
Aberdeen	10.24	3.6	10.38	3.8	Lowestoft	5.43	2.2	5.52	2.2
Avonmouth	3.23	10.0	4.00	10.7	Margate	8.28	4.1	9.16	4.2
Bellfast	7.39	3.0	7.57	3.3	Milford Haven	2.45	5.3	3.18	5.7
Cardiff	3.08	9.4	3.45	10.0	Newquay	1.45	5.4	2.17	5.8
Devonport	11.48	4.3	2.25	4.6	Oban	3.31	3.0	3.36	3.4
Dover	7.52	5.5	8.28	5.7	Penzance	1.05	4.3	1.39	4.5
Falmouth	1.18	4.1	1.55	4.4	Portland	2.57	1.4	3.08	1.6
Glasgow	9.56	4.2	9.51	4.5	Portsmouth	7.55	3.3	8.48	3.4
Harwich	7.55	3.3	8.48	3.4	Shoreham	7.19	4.6	7.43	4.9
Holyhead	7.19	4.6	7.43	4.9	Southampton	7.50	5.2	8.27	5.2
Hull	2.35	5.8	3.34	6.1	Swansea	8.01	3.9	8.19	3.9
Ilfracombe	2.28	7.1	2.02	7.5	Tees	2.49	7.4	3.23	7.8
King's Lynn	2.44	5.0	3.43	5.3	Weston-on-Nza	7.57	3.5	8.51	3.7
Leith	11.30	4.6	11.48	4.9					

NOON TODAY



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MONDAY OCTOBER 11 1993

Promoters the only winners as bitter rivals fight each other to a standstill

Benn and Eubank draw no conclusion

BY SRIKUMAR SEN
BOXING CORRESPONDENT

ONLY two people in the crowd of around 47,000 that turned up to see the return between Nigel Benn and Chris Eubank at Old Trafford on Saturday were glad that the bout ended in a draw: Eubank and Mickey Duff, the London promoter.

They are already counting the millions they will make, Eubank from Benn-Eubank III, or against Michael Nunn, the World Boxing Association champion, in the super-middleweight unification series being promoted by Don King, Duff from a mandatory bout for Benn against his man, Henry Wharton, of York, at another football ground, Elland Road.

"Nobody deserved to win that fight," Eubank said. "I don't believe from how I felt and from how the rounds went, he deserved to get it and I don't believe I deserved to get it." When asked what his ambition was, he made it clear it was money. "I'll give you one guess. I'm not a masochist. I don't happen to like pain. I happen to be of sound mind and dislike pain."

Benn moaned that he had been robbed — "I think I won it by three rounds," he said — and King complained that draws were unfair to the boxers and to the crowd. The crowd, though disappointed that they did not see their man defeat the other man once and for all, took it all in good part.

In the days to come, of course, the only certain winners will be the promoters. Benn may not get past Wharton and Eubank may find Ray Close, of Belfast, a bigger handful than he did last time, but King and his promotion for the unification of the title would go on without them. King would prefer Benn, rather than Eubank, to come through to box Nunn, who is his man. Benn ismore exciting and against Nunn would make a good puncher-boxer match for American television. Eubank and Nunn would not attract much interest in the United States as they are both counter-punchers. Duff shouted to King after the bout, even as the promoter was still in the ring: "You've got Eubank for Nunn. You can have him with my compliments. He's had two draws. If he gets another one you can send him to Littlewoods."

The bout was not as violent as the first meeting, when neither man wanted to give ground. This time they were three years older and wiser and realised that they could not fight at the old pace anymore. Fit they were but only for each other. Someone younger, Close or Wharton, could find them out.

Despite complaints by King about draws — which are seen by most people to be little more than a smokescreen to obscure the universally criticised draw that favoured his boxer, Julio César Chávez, against Pernell Whitaker recently — King thought Benn-Eubank III would be another sell-out. "This is what is a matchmaker's dream when you see a draw," he said. But it would be surprising if Barry Hearn, King's co-promoter, could fill a similar stadium again or if King would come up with the same kind of money for a bout that is little more than a domestic one that has blown itself out.

This time they boxed tactically. They waited for their openings and picked their punches with care, particularly Eubank, who did not allow himself to get involved in a scrap of his own making, preferring to stand off and drop quick combinations on Benn and move on to another position of advantage. Thus it was until the fifth round, when the bout exploded into a fight and Benn had Eubank backing off for the first time. Benn, too, did not look for a fight unnecessarily. In the old days, if he was hurt he would come back, now he tucks up and works out his next move.

If Eubank looked more positive than he has in his last seven bouts put together, it was because of Benn. Whether or not he won the bout — I believe he was a round in front at the end — there can be no doubt Benn was the star of the show. It was not so much that Eubank had improved as Benn made him give of his best. By taking the fight to a naturally heavier man, who was probably boxing at about 5lb over the 12st limit because the weigh-in had been the previous night, Benn made it possible for Eubank to put his punches together rather better than he is capable of doing when faced by a slick boxer.

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Both men had taken care to be fit but Benn was perhaps fitter. He had the quicker body movements and made the running. He showed he could take Eubank's best punches without flinching — and some of Eubank's one-twos in the early rounds would have knocked over bigger men.

Benn's workrate was also the more impressive, as the gloves were 10oz rather than the 8oz that were used in their first savage encounter three years ago. It is hard enough working against a heavier man but trying to knock him out with heavier gloves is even more difficult. To a certain extent, the bigger gloves may also have worked in Benn's favour by lessening the impact of Eubank's blows.

Even Eubank had to admit Benn boxed well. "Nigel fought a very good fight," he said. "I didn't believe he would be so formidable. I have nothing but respect and admiration for the man."

All in all, Benn could count himself the moral winner for he drew 115-113 (Eubank), 114-113 (Benn) and 114-114, despite having a point deducted for low blows. The loss of a point was fair, as he had been warned twice by the referee, Larry O'Connell, who had also gone over to Benn's corner and told him he would be forced to take off a point if he did it again. In the sixth, Benn repeated the foul.

It has been said that O'Connell should have taken a point away from Eubank for persistent holding. But the referee explained afterwards that while Eubank was holding he believed that Benn himself had taken refuge in Eubank's arms.

Much improved though Benn might be, his bout against Wharton could be a difficult one. Being managed by Duff, who masterminded Michael Watson's victory over Benn, Wharton can be expected to come up with some clever strategy to surprise the champion.

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MARC MORRIS



Benn covers up as Eubank tries to land a right during the later stages of their super-middleweight bout at Old Trafford, watched by a crowd of more than 40,000, which ended in a draw

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Zambian cup dream ends in gallant failure



Porterfield: job search

FROM ANDREW LONGMORE
IN CASABLANCA

AMID extremes of jubilation and despair, the forces of reality rode roughshod over sentiment in the Stadium of Honour in Casablanca to ensure that Morocco, not Zambia, will be in the United States for the World Cup next summer.

A well-worked goal by Abdislam Laghrissi five minutes into the second half blurred, and finally shattered, the vision of the reborn Zambian team, who found that the world's sympathies meant nothing in the face of a passionate home crowd and the determination of the Moroccan side to clinch a 1-0 victory. It was a cruel full stop for fate to put on the end of a chapter of World Cup history at times related more to fiction than fact.

At the final whistle, with thousands of newspaper torches signalling the triumph of Morocco's third qualification for the World Cup, the real heroes of the hour were left slumped beside the pitch, trying desperately to share their disbelief as they have shared tragedy, revival and joy over the past six months. Ian Porterfield, who has guided the team with sensitivity and skill for the past four months, thanked each player but could not hide his disappointment.

Had not a cross from Gibby M'Basela bobbled along the goal line before being hooked away and a header from Charles Musonda flashed wide, he might have been contemplating offers to take the Zambians to the World Cup finals alongside Nigeria and the Cameroons, the two other qualifiers from the African continent, and enjoying celebrity status in Lusaka. As it is, he will back in England today searching for a job.

Yet, until Laghrissi's studied header from a pinpoint cross by El Hadroui, the Zambians had done enough to get the point they needed to qualify. Though the Moroccans had exerted most of the pressure, the inexperienced Zambians had held firm, calmed early nerves and begun to dampen the spirits of the crowd. But one momentary loss of concentration allowed Morocco to score and, after that, the dream faded slowly and surely into the Casablancan twilight.

To add to their difficulties, the Zambians had to overcome an old psychological barrier. Arab v African is a meeting of religions and culture more intense, more divisive even than black v white and the Christians of Zambia had never fared well against the Lions of Atlas, as the Moroccan side is colourfully known.

Other emotional eddies lay beneath the surface. The Zambians had objected to the Gabonese referee because the relationship between the two countries had become so strained since the air crash off the coast of Gabon six months ago. The Zambians relented when Fifa, the world governing body, stood their ground. But suggestions in the Moroccan press that Zambia had exploited the sympathies of the world for their own ends were designed to heighten the tension of an occasion already primed for explosion. The accusations, though, had not impressed one of the waiters in the Zambian team's hotel. "We have a soft heart for the Zambians," he said.

Soft hearts were not enough, though. Only next summer, perhaps, when the 24 nations gather for the 1994 World Cup will the real loss be felt. As they have shown in rebuilding a team from the void of disaster, the Zambians have enough spirit and talent to take on the mantle carried so exuberantly by the Cameroons in Italy. Now, they will have to return home and start to build once again.

MOROCCO (4-3-3): Azmi — Abzami, Naybet, Mesbah, El-Hadroui — El-Haddaoui, Taher-el-Khalj, Rachif Daoudi- Hadji, Mohammed Chaouch (sub: Feriouta, 80min), Laghrissi (sub: Khalil, 70).
ZAMBIA (4-5-1): J Phiri — E Sascala, E Litana, H Chongo, A.Chiyenzi — J Lungu, G M'Basela, E.Mumalite (sub: C Musonda, 82), K Bwalya, J Bwalya — K Mulilo.
Referee: J-F Diramba (Gabon)

Carefully schooled horse lifts Everest Championship

Skelton has triumph to savour on Showtime

By Jenny MacArthur

NICK Skelton, the winner of the £112,000 first prize in the Calgary grand prix last month, was beginning to wonder whether he would even cover his expenses at this year's Horse of the Year Show. It was not until yesterday afternoon, the last day of the Show, that he finally entered the winner's enclosure, earning himself £3,000, when he and Everest Showtime won the Everest Championship.

The win followed a carefully laid plan by the Warwickshire-born rider. He considers Showtime, an eight-year-old mare bought by Sue Welch from Germany two years ago, to be the best horse he has in his yard but is wary of over-pushing her.

"The last thing I want to do is frighten her at this stage," Skelton said. "I took her deliberately slowly early on in the week in order to have her confident for today."

She needed every ounce of that confidence. The Everest Championship is one of the most prestigious classes of the Show. Several of the sport's top partnerships, including John Whitaker with Everest Hopscotch, the winners last year, and Michael Whitaker with his triple Hickstead Derby winner, Everest Monsanta, had qualified.

Bob Ellis's attractive, flowing course — involving ten flower-bedecked fences — heightened the sense of expectation. Spectators were not disappointed. Six horses went clear — among them the Whitakers as well as Alison Bradley, the 23-year-old former top junior whose stirring performances have been one of the highlights of the Show.

Paul Sutton was first to go in the jump-off, for which Ellis, in contrast to the opening round, had devised a twisty six-fence course with sharp turns after fences one and three.

Sutton's clear round in 38.10sec was quickly put into perspective by Skelton. Confident that he could now test Showtime against the clock, Skelton, watched by his two young sons Daniel and Harry, moved swiftly into top gear. The mare, as if conscious of her rider's proud boast that she is "super careful, with lots of scope and the will to win", crossed the finishing-line clear in 32.66sec.

John Whitaker and the 18-year-old Everest Hopscotch made a brave attempt to match Skelton's time but turned in too sharply to the penultimate big oxer and paid the penalty with four faults.

Bradley, who had a double clear round when jumping alongside Skelton in the Linz Nations Cup in Austria last month, came closest to dislodging him. She produced a superb round on the seven-year-old stallion, finishing a fraction outside his time to take second place.

Michael Whitaker, the winner of three competitions at the Show, posed the biggest threat to Skelton. Monsanta had made light of his 19 years when winning the speed class on the second night of the show and, drawn last, they were now ideally placed to snatch victory.

Even the world No 1, however, is not immune from the odd embarrassment. The Irish-bred Monsanta jumped smoothly over the first fence and then ducked out before the second fence at the last minute, collecting three faults and earning a sharp rebuke from Whitaker.

Geoff Luckett, who missed qualifying for the jump-off when Everest Vantage hit the last fence, had much consolation. On Thursday, he won £1,500 in the Accumulator. On Saturday night, he and Everest Fire One claimed the richest prize of the Show when they won a £14,500 car in the final of the Nissan Terrano II Jump and Drive.

Early yesterday evening, again riding Fire One, Luckett, a former pupil of Ted Edgar, edged ahead of Mark Armstrong on Hadunka in the final of the Osborne Refrigeration Knockout to record his third win of the Show.

"It's been my best Wembley ever," a delighted Luckett said yesterday. A former speedway rider, he had set his heart on winning the Jump and Drive, a competition in which the rider jumps a short course and then leaps off the horse and into a car in which he has to negotiate his way through a series of cones.

Luckett was helped by the intelligence of his horse, Fire One. "He knows the competition backwards," Luckett said. "When he sees the groom waiting to catch him at the end of the jumping section he just goes straight to him — it means I get into the car quicker than most others."

HUGH ROUTLEDGE



Skelton and Everest Showtime leap their way to the Everest Championship

RESULTS

The Everest Championship: 1, Everest Showtime (N Skelton), 0 faults in 32.66sec; 2, Endeavour (A Bradley), 0 in 32.90; 3, Wessex Fields of Atheney (P Sutton), 0 in 38.10. The Nissan Terrano II Jump and Drive (Saturday): 1, Everest Fire One (G Luckett), 0 in 52.55; 2, Suntory (N Coupe), 0 in 55.83; 3, Qui de Citron (P Charles, Ire), 4 in 57.41. The Osborne Refrigeration Knockout: 1, Everest Fire One (G Luckett), 2, Hadunka (M Armstrong). The Broadway Holdings mini show pony of the year: Champion: Firle Yasmina, D Smith. Reserve: Heaton Oscar, V Swinburn. The Osborne riding horse of the year: Champion: Brown Sabre, Cooper Corporation. Reserve: Bennochy Fartime of Aston, Dr and Mrs Gilbert-Scott. The Dixon Carriage Services Concours d'Elegance: Wentworth Prince Regent, S Murrell. Dressage: Freestyle to Music: Section A: 1, Ushin (J Haazen, Hol), 65.5; 2, Hans Stephan (P Storr), 62.9. Section B: 1, Quarryman (L Fry), 73.0; 2, Zacou (E Jansen, Hol), 65 1

Confident New Zealand pose daunting problems

Wigan	18
New Zealand XIII	25

By Christopher Irvine

IT IS difficult to imagine how the English-based players can further improve the New Zealand rugby league side at Wembley next Saturday after so compelling and supremely confident a performance in overcoming Wigan yesterday.

In naming his side today for the first of the three-match John Smith's international series, Howie Tamati, the coach, will carry out some restructuring, most probably at centre and in the back row, but even here, New Zealand look a far more formidable force than in the past.

Malcolm Reilly, the Great Britain coach, knows that the forthcoming series will be the toughest his side has faced. With around half the Britain players in the beaten Wigan side, there is little doubt where the psychological advantage lies.

Honours in the scrum half battlement to Gary Freeman, the New Zealand captain. Wigan made Shaun Edwards the team's man of the match, but apart from a splendid try in the first half, he was outfought and outpointed at the base of the scrum.

Jason Robinson, with some scintillating runs from deep, and unstinting defensive efforts, did more than enough to earn a starting place in Reilly's team. Elsewhere, however, Connolly was strangely quiet in the centre and Betts, Clarke and Dermott, the international forward trio, found the vibrant New Zealand pack too hard to handle in a one-sided second half.

At 18-7 down, few in the 13,669 crowd gave New Zealand any hope. But the touring team exercised complete control after a rash pass in the tackle by Connolly was intercepted by Hoppe, who raced 90 yards to score in the fiftieth minute. The power, particularly of John Lomax, the Canberra prop, crushed the home side. Wigan struggled to contain the telling runs of Mann from half back, although their lead was not whittled away until ten minutes before the end, when Freeman released Hoppe on the right for his second try.



Edwards: man of match

New Zealand handling errors gave Wigan the initial advantage. Edwards scampered 40 yards, a move apparently snuffed out by Taewa's crunching tackle. Freeman's silly kick through at the play-the-ball resurrected the move, Connolly sweeping down the left wing and turning aside to Betts who put Edwards in under the posts.

When Cowie carried three tacklers over the try line, just before the interval, and Hall shot over after Gildart was held up, New Zealand were seemingly vanquished.

After Hoppe's interception, Freeman and Ngamu began to run a tired Wigan ragged. Freeman's short pass gave Taewa a simple score and after Hoppe's second try, Mackie forced his way over.

SCORERS: Wigan: Tries: Edwards, Cowie, Hall. Goals: Botica (3). New Zealand XIII: Tries: Hoppe (2), Ngamu, Taewa, Mackie. Goals: Halligan, Ngamu. Dropped goal: Halligan.

WIGAN: J Lydon; J Robinson, D Bell, G Connolly, S Panapa; F Botica, S Edwards, N Cowie, M Hall, I Gildart, D Betts, A Farrell, P Clarke. Cowie substituted by B Mather (45min); Hall substituted by M Dermott (52). NEW ZEALAND: D Halligan (North Sydney); S Hoppe (Canberra), I Ropati (Auckland), W Taewa (Canterbury), J Williams (Canterbury-Bankstown); G Ngamu (Manly-Warringah), G Freeman (Penrith); J Lomax (Canberra), D Mann (Auckland), B Stuart (Canterbury), S Kearney (Sydney Western Suburbs), R Piva (Wellington), J Mackie (Northland). Halligan substituted by J Donnelly, Sydney St George (42min); Stuart substituted by J Lowrie, Sydney Eastern Suburbs (52). Piva substituted by D Lomax, Wellington (44).
Referee: R Whitfield.

Warrington run ragged

BRADFORD Northern moved back to the top of the Stones Bitter Championship yesterday by beating Warrington 47-16 and scoring eight tries in the process. It was an impressive performance against a side that had previously boasted the best defensive record in the league.

Bradford, who were without four first-choice forwards, edged ahead 13-12 with Deryck Fox's dropped goal after 25 minutes and afterwards turned on the style with some glorious handling moves, Fox underlining his claims for a place in the Great Britain's side against New Zealand.

Gerald Cordle, who scored two tries for Wales against the touring side last Sunday and another against them in Bradford's midweek victory, crossed twice, as did his fellow winger, Brimah Kebbie.

Paul Loughlin notched 16 points as **St Helens** beat **Wakefield Trinity** by 36-10. Loughlin kicked six goals from eight attempts and crossed for a try late in the game. But David Lyon, the St Helens full back, was named man of the match for two sparkling efforts in the first half.

Leeds, without the injured Ellery Hanley, Andy Gregory and Kevin Iro, went down to their third successive away defeat, beaten 21-6 by **Oldham**, who, superbly led by the Australian, Bob Lindner, produced their best display of the season.

Hull came good in the second half against **Widnes**. After trailing 14-8, they hit back powerfully with tries from James Grant and Daniel Davet to win 20-14.

Mark Aston inspired a recovery by struggling **Sheffield Eagles** who snatched a draw with **Featherstone Rovers**. Sheffield, still without a win at the Don Valley stadium, scored two second-half tries and had Rovers clinging on desperately in the final minutes.

The day's highest scorers were **Castleford**, who ran in ten tries at Wheldon Road in the 54-18 success over an outclassed **Hull KR**, the New Zealand centre, Richard Blackmore, and the winger, Singen Ellis, both crossing on three occasions.

FOR THE RECORD

ATHLETICS

PORTSMOUTH: Bupa Great South Run: Men: 1, G Stanes (Belgrave), 46.11; 2, J Treacy (Ire), 46.25; 3, P Davies-Hale (Cannock), 47.00. Women: 1, I Negura (Rom), 53.01; 2, S Rigg (Warrington), 53.42; 3, M Sutton (Tipton), 54.17.

BADMINTON

DEN BOSCH: Dutch Open championships: Men's singles: Quarter-final: P Hoyer Larsen (Den) bt D Hall (Eng), 17-16, 10-15, 15-11. Semi-finals: A B Kusuma (Indo) bt J Olsson (Swe), 15-8, 15-2; P-E Hoyer Larsen (Den) bt S Kukasemkij (Thai), 15-5, 15-17, 15-9. Final: Hoyer-Larsen bt Kusuma, 11-15, 15-5, 15-11. Women's singles: Semi-finals: S Susanti (Indo) bt Liu Yuhong (China), 11-8, 11-1; C Martin (Den) bt C Magnusson (Swe), 11-2, 11-0. Final: Susanti bt Martin, 11-7, 11-1. Women's doubles: Quarter-finals: Zang (China) and J Wright (GB) bt H Kirkegaard and R Olssen (Den), 15-6, 15-8. Mixed doubles: Quarter-finals: J-E Antonsson and A Crabo (Swe) bt P Axelsson (Swe) and G Gowers (GB), 17-16, 15-4. Final: Antonsson and Crabo bt P-G Jonsson and C Bengtsson (Swe), 13-8, 15-9, 15-9.

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Championship series: Atlanta 9, Philadelphia 4 (Atlanta lead best-of-seven series, 2-1).
AMERICAN LEAGUE: Championship series: Friday: Chicago 6, Toronto 1. Saturday: Chicago 7, Toronto 4 (best-of-seven series level 2-2).

BASKETBALL

BUDWEISER LEAGUE: Worthing Bears 81, Oldham Celtics 67. London Towers 91, Leicester Riders 89. Birmingham Bullets 90, Chester Jets 66. Thames Valley Tigers 97, Sunderland Scorpions 84. Guildford Kings 97, Derby Bucks 95 (OT).
MEN'S NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division: Coventry 80, Solent 70. Plymouth 78, Sheffield 90. Ware 97, Bury 94. Second division: Chiltern 70, London Elephants 54. Lewisham 44, Nottingham 100. Mid Sussex 91, Liverpool 73. Stevenage 83, Northampton 75.
WOMEN'S NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division: Rhondda 51, Northampton 92. Thames Valley 62, Ipswich 35. Second division: London Heat 57, Leicester 37. Spelthorne 47, Sunderland 49.

BOWLS

NATIONAL INTER-CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP: First round: Erewash 97, Ashfield 45. Gedling 66, Nottingham 85. Rushcliffe 57, Boston 114; East Lindsey 66, Addlethorpe 34. Dunholme 58, Spalding 95. Brackley 97, Rivermead 53. Watford 88, Carterton 78. Luton 78, Chipping Norton 86; Isis 70, Slade 71; Handy Cross 85, Herts 88; Park Hall 58, Westlecot 90; Clevedon 94, Bromsgrove 64; Yeovil 100, Bridgwater 71; Wellworthy 79, Taunton Deane 68; British Cellophane 92, Moonfleet 66; Bodmin 109, Cammoggas 84, Veryan 67, West Cornwall 98, Sudbury 92, Brandon 62; Huntingdon 61, Cambridge Chesterton 79; Birmingham 98, Greyfriars 73; Avon Valley 100, Church Gresley 50; Carlton 65, Rugby 86, Diss 91, Eccles 86. Shotford 55, North Walsham 99. Pinewood Park 69, Sole Bay 98, Hatfield 90, Ilford 70; Essex County 88, Falcon 80.
BALLYMONEY: Flogas Causeway Coast Masters: Semi-finals: J Bell (Eng) bt R Corsie (Scot), 21-20. I McClure (Ire) bt T Allcock (Eng), 21-19.

BOXING

OLD TRAFFORD, Manchester: WBO/WBC super-middleweight championship: Nigel Benn (Ilford, WBC holder) drew with Chris Eubank (Brighton, WBO holder). WBA welterweight championship: Crisanto España (Ven, holder) bt Donovan Boucher (Can), rsc 10th. British light-middleweight eliminator: Paul Wesley (Birmingham) bt Warren Stowe (Burnley), pts. Feather (4 rnds) Barry Jones (Wales) bt John White (Salford), pts. Light-middle (4 rnds) Robin Reid (Warrington) bt Ernie Loveridge (Stourbridge), pts.
SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico: IBF super-featherweight championship: John John Molina (P Rico, holder) ko Bernard Taylor (US), 8th rnd.

CRICKET

TOUR MATCH: Eastern Province 195-9 (50 overs) (K C Wessels 78). Barbados 107 (34 overs). Eastern Province won by 88 runs.

EQUESTRIANISM

TOKYO: Show jumping grand prix (jump-off): 1, J Fargis (US), 38.76sec; 2, N Chaudani (It), 38.96; 3, H Hetzel (Ger), 39.24; 4, P Guerdat (Switz); 5, K Morimoto (Japan); 6, P Darragh (Ire).

CYCLING

TOUR OF LOMBARDY (242km): 1, P Richard (Switz), 6hr 4min 38sec; 2, G Furlan (It), same time; 3, M Sciandri (It), at 7sec; 4, C Chiappucci (It), same time; 5, C Mottet (Fr), 1 03; 6, J Skibby (Den), same time. British and Irish placings: 24, R Millar (GB), 1.22; 26, S Yates (GB), 2.23; 34, S Kelly (Ire), 10.04. World Cup (Italy unless stated): 1, M Fondriest, 237pts; 2, J Museeuw (Bel), 137; 3, Sciandri, 114; 4, Chiappucci, 100; equal 5, Furlan, A Volpi, 75.
HILL CLIMBS: Wrexham RC (Horseshoe Pass, North Wales, 2.8 miles): 1, S Dangerfield (Leo RC), 9min 4sec (course record); 2, J Waddilove (Crewe Clarion Wheelers), 9:56; 3, N Marsh (New Brighton CC), 10:17. Welsh CA championship (Rhigos, Mid-Glamorgan, 3.25 miles): R Wooles (Extreme CC), 13:18.3. Team: Bynea CC, 41:27.6. Hull Thursday RC two-stage (Brantingham, North Humberside, 1.53 miles): R Reynolds-Jones (VC Bradford), 5.49 3. SCU Glasgow Centre (Lyle Hill, Greenock, 1 mile): G Herd (City of Edinburgh RC), 4.01.2. Team: Erskine CC, 13 17.08. Cestria CC (Pelh Bank, Lanchester, Co Durham, 1 mile): S Tyson (Hartlepool CC), 4:23.0. Border CA (Brockham, Surrey 1 mile): T Pain (North Hampshire RC), 3:48.9. Wigmore CC (Hollingbourne, Kent, 1,300 yards): A Lyons (Olympia Sport), 3 19 0. Team: Wigmore CC, 11 15 5. Burton and District CA (Ambergate, Derbyshire, 1,000 yards): S Green (Oldham Century RC), 3:21.6. BCF North Midlands Division (Monsal Head, Derbyshire, 845 yards): J Wright (North East RT), 1.26.0. Team: VC Chesterfield, 4 49.5. Huddersfield Star Wheelers (Jackson Bridge, 1,540 yards): J Wright (North East RT), 4.01 6. Manchester Wheelers (Standing Stones, near Macclesfield, 1,477 yards): S Calland (Stars and Stripes), 3:35.0. Team: Oldham Century RC, 12.04.7. CC Todmorden (Lancashire, 1 mile): S Calland (Stars and Stripes), 4 55.5 (course record). Team: Leigh Premier RC, 18 09.2.
TIME-TRIALS: Hillingdon CC (25 miles): E Adams (Leo RC), 50 52. North Yorkshire Coureurs (25 miles): P Longbottom (North Wirral Velo), 52 35. Team: Morley CC, 2 53 03. Verulam CC (25 miles): J Hunt (Hemel Hempstead CC), 55.14. Team: Hemel Hempstead CC, 2.57.30. Norwich ABC (25 miles): M Pyne (Polytechnic CC), 55 55. Team: VC Norwich, 2 54 47. Colchester Rovers (30 miles): R Flutter (Colchester Rovers), 1 09 45. Team: Colchester Rovers, 3 35 37. Unity CC four-up (Sawston, Cambridgeshire, 25 miles): Leo RC (E Adams, J French, W Moore, K Neary), 50 53 (event record). Nottingham Clarion (25 miles): J Ramsbottom (Dinnington RC), 52 16. Team: Nottingham Clarion, 2 52 12.
ROAD RACE: Southdown Velo (Rowland's Castle, Hampshire, 60 miles): R Hurd (CC Romford), 2 23 10. Luton Arrow (Cheddington, Buckinghamshire, 89 miles): D Sweeney (Invicta RC), 3 40 03.
CYCLO-CROSS: National schools' championship (Silcoates School, Wakefield, 6 miles): 1, J Atkaway (Fat Tracks Madenhead), 25 03; 2, M Lloyd (Didcot Phoenix), at 1 06; 3, D Connolly (Bronte Wheelers), at 1 27. Senior open race (11 miles): R Thackray (Bradford Olympic), 51 22. Dursley RC (Stroud, 10 miles): G Richardson (Royal Sutton CC), 54 36. Aero BC (Brentwood Park, 10.5 miles): D Barclay (Bike Trax), 1 05 20. Beauvale CC (Cossall, Nottinghamshire, 10 miles): L Mosley (Askern CC), 57 30. Macclesfield Wheelers (9 miles): N Craig (Diamond Back), 49 43.
Ballymoney, co Antrim: 1, L Nelson (Ballymena), 43min 42sec; 2, D Travers (Banbridge), at 12sec; 3, A Layne (Clan Eireann), at 19.

FOOTBALL

WORLD CUP: African zone: Group A: Algeria 1, Nigeria 1 (Nigeria qualify for finals).

GOLF

GRAFTON MORRISH TOURNAMENT: First round: Brancaster: Marlborough bt Warwick, 3-0; Haileybury bt Rugby, 3-0; Epsom bt Cheltenham, 2-1; The Leys bt Loughborough, 3-0; Malvern bt Mill Hill, 2½-½; Tonbridge bt Glasgow Academy, 2-1; Oundle bt Culford, 2-1; Bromsgrove bt Sedbergh, 2-1. Hunstanton: Coventry bt George Heriot's, 2-1; Highgate bt Alleyn's, 3-0; Stowe bt Oakham, 3-0; Birkenhead bt Christ's Hospital, 3-0; Watson's bt St Lawrence, 2-1; Solihull bt King's, Canterbury, 2-1; Robert Gordon's bt Clifton, 2-1; Sherborne bt Merchiston Castle, 2-1. Second round: Brancaster: Worksop bt Harrow, 2-1; St Paul's bt Whitgift, 2½-½; Charterhouse bt Eastbourne, 2½-½; Stockport bt Rydal, 2-1; Coventry bt Highgate, 2-1; Birkenhead bt Stowe, 2-1; Solihull bt Watson's, 2½-½; Robert Gordon's bt Sherborne, 2-1. Hunstanton: Sevenoaks bt Ipswich, 2-1; Ampleforth bt Hymers, 2-1; Radley bt Sutton Valence, 2-1; Millfield bt Berkhamsted, 2-1; Haileybury bt Marlborough, 2½-½; Epsom bt The Leys 2-1; Malvern bt Tonbridge, 2½-½; Oundle bt Bromsgrove, 2½-½. Third round: Sevenoaks bt Ampleforth, 3-0; Radley bt Millfield, 2-1; Haileybury bt Epsom, 2-1; Malvern bt Oundle, 3-0; Worksop bt St Paul's, 2-1; Stockport bt Charterhouse, 2-1; Coventry bt Birkenhead, 2-1; Robert Gordon's bt Solihull, 2-1. Fourth round: Radley bt Sevenoaks, 2-1; Malvern bt Haileybury, 2-1; Stockport bt Worksop, 2½-½; Coventry bt Robert Gordon's, 2-1. Semi-finals: Malvern bt Radley, 2-1; Coventry bt Stockport, 3-0. Final: Malvern bt Coventry, 2½-½.
VAUXHALL TEAM CLASSIC: Final placings: 1, Whitchurch (Cardiff), 295; 2, Nelson, 297; 3, Gay Hill, 301; 4, Dullatur, 310; 5, Grimsby, 311; 6, Blackmoor, 321.
GOLF FOUNDATION SCHOOLS' CHAMPIONSHIP: Lamberhurst: equal 1, Tonbridge, Eastbourne, 237; 3, Lewes Priory, 238. Best individual: A Dalky (Reigate), 77.
RITTO: Japan Open: Final scores (Japan unless stated): 281: S Okuda, 69, 72, 71, 69. 286: M Ozaki 69, 72, 69, 76. 287: R Kawagishi 73, 70, 71, 73; K Idoki 73, 72, 70, 72; S Katayama, 70, 75, 71, 71. 288: M Kuramoto, 73, 73, 69, 73. 289: T Nakajima, 68, 77, 73, 71. British score: 309: P Hoad 75, 77, 77, 80.

HOCKEY

Men

PIZZA EXPRESS NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division: Firebrands 1, Bournville 0; Indian Gymkhana 2, Canterbury 2; Old Loughtonians 7, Welton 0; Reading 1, Hounslow 5; Slough 0, Cannock 0; Southgate 2, Teddington 1; St Albans 0, Havant 4; Stourport 1, East Grinstead 2; Trojans 3, Bromley 0. Second division: Doncaster 0, Sheffield 0; Gloucester City 1, Edgbaston 2; Harborne 3, Oxford University 6; Harleston Magpies 2, Cambridge City 1; Isca 2, Brooklands 2; Neston 3, Cheltenham 0; Richmond 2, Guildford 2; Surbiton 1, Barford Tigers 1; Warrington 0, Beeston 3.
EAST LEAGUE: Bedford 2, Westcliff 0; Bishop's Stortford 1, Ipswich 3; Bury St Edmunds 1, Dereham 3; Crostyx 3, Peterborough 1; Norwich City 1, Luton Town 2; Old Southendian 0, Redbridge 2; Pelicans 0, Colchester 2; Stevenage 2, Bluharts 3; Welwyn Garden City 0, Chelmsford 2.
MIDLANDS LEAGUE: Belper 1, Olton and West Warwickshire 0; Finchfield 1, Coventry and North Warwickshire 2; Hampton 0, Khalsa 2; Lichfield 0, Bloxwich 2; Worcester Norton 0, Leicester Westleigh 1.
NORTH LEAGUE: Alderley Edge 0, Southport 3; Durham University 1, Norton 4; Hightown 2, Formby 4; Timperley 2, Rhydding 2; York 3, Blackburn 4.
SOUTH LEAGUE: City of Portsmouth 2, Wimbledon 1; Dulwich 1, Tulse Hill 0; Fareham 1, Staines 1; Gore Court 1, Spencer 0; Hendon 0, Lyons 2; Maidenhead 4, Chichester 3; Old Kingstonians 2, Anchorians 1; Old Walcountians 3, Mid-Sussex 0; Oxford Hawks 1, Hampstead 3; Winchester 0, High Wycombe 1.
WEST LEAGUE: Exeter University 0, Bath Buccaneers 3; Hereford 1, Swansea 1; Taunton Vale 3, Bream 1; Weston-super-Mare 2, Westbury UB 1; Whitchurch 1, Plymouth 0.

Women

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Premier division: Clifton 0, Ipswich 1; Ealing 1, Balsam Leicester 2; FP Sutton Coldfield 3, Hightown 1; Slough 2, Chelmsford 0. First division: Bluharts 0, Doncaster 0; Bradford 2, Bracknell 1; Pickwick 1, Exmouth 0; Trojans 0, Wimbledon 2. Second division: Colwall 1, Great Harwood 0; Harleston Magpies 1, Woking 1; Olton WW 2, Canterbury 1; Sunderland Bedans 2, Sherwood 2.
EAST SUPER LEAGUE: Cambridge City 1, Bexleyheath 1; St Albans 3, Hemel Hempstead 0; Saracens 5, Welwyn Garden City 1; Sevenoaks 0, Redbridge and Ilford 0.
MIDLANDS LEAGUE: Belper 0, Aldridge 4; Crimson Ramblers 1, Hampton 1; Kettering 3, Tamworth 1; Loughborough Students 6, Loughborough Ladies 0.
NORTH LEAGUE: Carlisle 4, York 2; Liverpool 3, Springfields 0; Newcastle 0, Chester 0 (abandoned after 50min — rain); Poynton 1, Ormskirk Ford 0.
SOUTH LEAGUE: Cheam 1, Guildford 1; Reading 4, West Witney 1; Southampton 2, City of Portsmouth 1; Winchmore Hill 1, Camberley 1.
WEST LEAGUE: Bournemouth 0, St Austell 3; Exeter 3, Clifton II 0; Leominster 0, Exeter II 0; Redland 3, Weston 0; Swindon 1, East Glos 1; Wimborne W 1, Cheltenham 1; Yate 5, Gloucester 1.

ICE HOCKEY

EUROPEAN CUP: Riga: Pardaugava (Lat) 9, Cardiff 1. Sokol Eclatup (Ukr) 11, Cardiff 4.
BENSON AND HEDGES CUP: Qualifying round: Milton Keynes 14, Billingham 7. Slough 6, Nottingham 5. Swindon 6, Basingstoke 15.
BRITISH LEAGUE: Premier division: Fife 8, Humberside 1. First division: Romford 15, Lee Valley 4; Paisley 5, Solihull 16; Dumfries 3, Trafford 4; Blackburn 8, Streatham 2; Telford 14, Guildford 4.
NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Friday: New Jersey 6, Washington 3; Edmonton 5, New York Islanders 1; Detroit 7, Anaheim 2. Saturday: Boston 7, Quebec 3; Pittsburgh 3, New York Rangers 2; New Jersey 6, Washington 4; Florida 2, Tampa Bay 0; Philadelphia 5, Hartford 2; Montreal 7, Buffalo 4; Toronto 2, Chicago 1; Calgary 5, Vancouver 1; St Louis 6, Ottawa 5; Winnipeg 3, Dallas 3 (OT); Los Angeles 10, Detroit 3.

MOTOR RACING

THRUXTON, Hampshire: British Formula Three Championship: Final round (all cars Dallara): 1, K Burt (GB), 20 laps covered, 23min 8 39sec (119.59 mph); 2, O Gavin (GB), 23 43 68; 3, J Magnussen (Den), 23 51 06; 4, W Hughes (GB), 23 51 86; 5, J Dufour (Fr), 23 53.54; 6, R Rosset (Br), 24 07 10.

NETBALL

NATIONAL CLUBS LEAGUE: First division: Aquila 52, Tonnham 42; RICC 43, Linden 44; New Campbell 58, Harborne 42; Toucans 39, Hertford 39. Second division: Hirondelle 48, Academy 48; Vauxhall Gold 50, YWCA 39; Hornsey 50, Henley 50; OPA wo Crawley. Third division: Wirral 64, Chevrons 59; Hucclecote 42, Western Park 38; Essex Wanderers 47, Oaksway 46; Wokingham 29, Kelmscott 65.

REAL TENNIS

ORATORY SCHOOL: British professional handicap championship (GB unless stated): Second round: J Howell bt B McFarlane (Aus), 6-1, 6-1; M Gooding bt A Oliver, 4-6, 6-2, 6-5; A Snelgrove bt C Swallow, 6-4, 6-4; R Gunn bt M Jones, 6-2, 6-2; T Heughan bt K King, 6-1, 3-6, 6-2; D Jones bt J Beaumont, 6-5, 2-6, 6-3; C Bray bt M Seignour (Fr), 6-5, 6-3; C Lumley (Aus) bt M Ryan, 6-4, 4-6, 6-3. Quarter-finals: Gooding bt Howell, 6-3, 6-2; Gunn bt Snelgrove, 6-2, 4-6, 6-0; Heughan bt D Jones, 4-6, 6-3, 6-3; Bray bt Lumley, 6-2, 6-4.

ROWING

TIDEWAY PAIRS HEAD OF THE RIVER: Double sculls: Open: Poplar and Blackwall (Spencer and Haining), 11min 33sec. Senior 2: Thames II, 11 58. Mixed: Mortlake Anglian, 12 16. Junior: Walton, 11 45. Veteran B: Tideway Scullers, 12.13. Women's open: Thames (Batten and Batten), 12.31. Women's veteran B: Thames, 13 34. Coxless pairs: Open: London (Butt and Watson), 11 48. Senior 1: Walton, 12:10. Senior 2: Rob Roy, 12.24. Junior: Eton, 12.32. Veteran B: Walton, 12.23. Women's open: Women's Rowing Centre and Tideway Scullers (Turvey and Eastwood), 12 50. Women's senior 2: Marlow, 13:39.

RUGBY UNION

NEW ZEALAND CHAMPIONSHIP: Final: Auckland 27, Otago 18.

SHOOTING

BISLEY: Inter-clubs trophy (300, 600 and 900 yds): 1, London and Middlesex RA, 1734.197 (C Boocher, 221.30); 2, North London RC, 1.733.203 (R Greenthwaite, 223.34); 3, Surrey RA, 1,697.167 (P Bennison, 217.20). Inter-services pistol championship: Standard pistol: 1, RAF 4,276 (M Gault, 567); 2, Regular Army, 3,161 (J Cairns, 547); 3, Royal Navy, 2,966 (J Crawford, 531). Centre fire: 1, RAF, 3,345 (Gault, 581); 2, Regular Army, 3,300 (P Hawkes, 564); 3, Royal Navy, 3,094 (N Ball, 548). Army centenary match: 1, RAF 3,886; 2, British Pistol Club, 3,882; 3, England, 3,862.
BISLEY: Welsh Open: Queen's II: 1, D Taylor, 149.23 (count back); 2, L Vernon-Wilson, 149.23; 3, C Hockley, 149.21. 15 at 600 yds: 1, J James, 75.11; 2, D Davies, 75.10; 3, J Head, 74.11. Saturday aggregate: 1, James, 223.33; 2, L Taylor, 222.33; 3, Hockley, 222.32. 15 at 900 yds: 1, James, 75.10; 2, J Howard-Davies, 75.9; 3, D George, 74.12. United Banks championship: 1, P Johnson (Lloyds), 150.25; 2, D Booth (Barclays), 150.22; 3, M Cosway (NatWest), 149.21. Old Hands trophy: 1, V Carpenter (Lloyds), 148.25; 2, D Cole (NatWest), 148.19; 3, M Boyce (Barclays), 148.19. London Scottish championship: 1, C Monteith, 393.49; 2, M Baird, 388.49; 3, A Haggarty, 384.41. Short range: Monteith, 248.33. Long range: R Greenthwaite, 147.20. Team match: 1, London Scottish, 848; 2, Honourable Artillery Company, 792. Open championship: 1, J James, 371.55; 2, D Taylor, 367.48; 3, J Drane, 366.41. Grand aggregate: 1, James, 372.56; 2, Taylor, 368.51; 3, R Bennett, 367.51. Teams: 1, English XX, 2,906; 2, Welsh XX, 2,893.
BISLEY: Fairfield GB practice: 1, Fairfield Team, 14,132 (record) (A Ringer, 895); 2, GB Allcomers, 14,056 (G Alderson, 891).

SPEEDWAY

BRITISH LEAGUE: First division: Coventry 51, Wolverhampton 57; Cradley Heath 66, Bradford 42; King's Lynn 58, Arena Essex 50. Second division: Rye House 55, Swindon 52.
SPEEDWAY STAR KNOCKOUT CUP: Semi-final, second leg: Belle Vue 81, Arena Essex 46 (agg: 102-113, Arena Essex meet Bradford in final).

SQUASH

BARNHAM BROOM, Norfolk: Ernst and Young English women's grand prix: Semi-finals: C Jackman (Norfolk) bt R Poole (Staffs), 9-3, 9-0, 6-9, 9-1; S Macfie (Surrey) bt R Macree (Essex), 9-5, 9-6, 9-1. Final: Jackman bt Macfie, 9-3, 4-9, 9-2, 9-4.

TABLE TENNIS

EUROPEAN CLUB CHAMPIONS CUP: Second round: Men: Granada 4, BFL Grove 2. Women: BFL Grove 4, Endbruck (Aut) 2.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Tour match

Wigan 18 New Zealand XIII 25
Wigan: Tries: Cowie, Edwards, Hall. Goals: Botica 3. New Zealand: Tries: Hoppe 2, Mackie, Ngamu, Taewa. Goals: Halligan, Ngamu. Dropped goal: Halligan. Att: 13,669

Stones Bitter Championship

First division

Bradford 47 Warrington 18
Bradford: Tries: Cordle 2, Kebbie 2, Greenwood, Newlove, Shelford, Watson. Goals: Fox 7. Dropped goal: Fox. Warrington: Tries: Davies, Jackson, Shelford. Goals: Davies 2. Att: 6,656.

Castleford 54 Hull KR 18
Castleford: Tries: Blackmore 3, Ellis 3, Middleton 2, Nikau, Steadman. Goals: Crooks 7. Hull KR: Tries: Barkworth, Clark, O'Brien. Goals: M Fletcher 3. Att: 4,486.

Hull 20 Widnes 14
Hull: Tries: Davet, Eastwood, Grant, Hasler. Goals: Eastwood 2. Widnes: Tries: Myers, Ruane. Goals: Spruce 3. Att: 4,500

Oldham 21 Leeds 6
Oldham: Tries: Kerry, McAlister, Ranson. Goals: Topping 3, Kerry. Dropped goal: Kerry. Leeds: Try: Stephens. Goal: Irving. Att: 5,079

St Helens 36 Wakefield 10
St Helens: Tries: Lyon 2, Dwyer, Hunte, Loughlin, Veivers. Goals: Loughlin 6. Wakefield: Tries: Durham. Goals: Goddard 3. Att: 7,660

Sheffield 18 Featherstone 18
Sheffield: Tries: Aston 2, Price. Goals: Aston 3. Featherstone: Tries: Daunt, Maloney, Pearson. Goals: Pearson 3. Att: 3,905

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bradford	7	6	0	1	195	120	12
Halifax	6	5	1	0	163	90	11
Wigan	6	5	0	1	166	81	10
St Helens	7	5	0	2	184	107	10
Castleford	7	4	1	2	168	116	9
Warrington	6	4	0	2	121	110	8
Leeds	7	3	1	3	148	135	7
Featherstone	7	3	1	3	149	172	7
Hull	7	2	2	3	106	113	6
Hull KR	7	3	0	4	124	200	6
Sheffield	7	2	1	4	143	179	5
Oldham	7	2	0	5	120	124	4
Salford	7	2	0	5	116	163	4
Widnes	7	2	0	5	113	176	4
Wakefield	7	2	0	5	112	179	4
Leigh	6	0	1	5	83	146	1

Second division

Batley	58	Highfield	16
Bramley	10	Rochdale	28
Doncaster	27	Carlisle	22
Hunslet	12	Barrow	15
Keighley	40	Whitehaven	12
London Crus	24	Ryedale York	20
Swinton	18	Huddersfield	24
Workington	30	Dewsbury	14

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Huddersfield	7	7	0	0	199	86	14
Workington	7	6	0	1	203	81	12
Keighley	7	6	0	1	196	106	12
Dewsbury	7	4	1	2	243	117	9
Ryedale York	7	4	1	2	167	114	9
Barrow	7	4	0	3	187	155	8
Whitehaven	7	3	2	2	124	112	8
Batley	7	4	0	3	156	169	8
London Crus	7	4	0	3	158	171	8
Doncaster	7	4	0	3	157	176	8
Carlisle	7	4	0	3	136	164	8
Rochdale	7	2	0	5	171	144	4
Swinton	7	1	0	6	116	203	2
Highfield	7	1	0	6	99	232	2
Hunslet	7	0	0	7	98	203	0
Bramley	7	0	0	7	71	189	0

TENNIS

DUBLIN: Wash and Go Irish Open championship: Finals: Men's singles: P Cane (It) bt J Bates (GB), 6-3, 7-5. Men's doubles: M Tillstrom and M Renstrom (Swe) bt T Nelson (US) and B Pedersen (Den), 6-2, 3-6, 6-3.
SYDNEY: Australian men's indoor championship: Semi-finals: P Korda (Cz) bt W Ferreira (SA), 6-3, 6-2; J Yzaga (Peru) bt G Ivanisevic (Cro), 6-3, 6-4. Final: Yzaga bt Korda, 6-2, 4-6, 7-6, 7-6.
TOULOUSE: Men's tournament: Semi-finals: C Pioline (Fr) bt A Chesnokov (Russ) 6-4, 6-2; A Boetsch (Fr) bt C Bergstrom (Swe), 6-1, 6-2.
ATHENS: Men's tournament: Semi-finals: J Arrese (Sp) bt J Sánchez, 6-3, 4-6, 7-6; A Berasategui (Sp) bt H de la Pena (Arg), 6-3, 7-5. Final: Arrese bt Berasategui 6-4, 3-6, 6-3.
ZURICH: Women's tournament: Semi-finals: Manuela Maleeva-Fragniere (Switz) bt S Rottier (Hol), 6-2, 7-5; M Navratilova (US) bt Magdalena Maleeva (Bul), 6-3, 6-4. Final: Maleeva-Fragniere bt Navratilova, 6-3, 7-6.
TAIPEI: Women's tournament: Quarter-finals: Wang Shi-ting (Taiwan) bt A Fusai (Fr), 6-3, 7-6; S Stafford (US) bt D Jones (Aus), 6-7, 6-3, 7-5; L Harvey-Wild (US) bt K Godridge (Aus), 6-2, 6-4; C Cristea (Rom) bt K Kschwendt (Ger), 7-5, 6-3. Semi-finals: Harvey-Wild bt Cristea, 6-3, 6-0; Wang Shi-ting bt Stafford, 6-3, 6-2. Final: Wang Shi-ting bt Harvey-Wild, (US), 6-1, 7-6.
DAVIS CUP: Euro-African zone: Group two relegation play-off: Nigeria bt Algeria, 5-0.
EVEREST NATIONAL CLUB LEAGUE: Final regional play-offs: Men: Edgbaston Priory 3, Newlands 3 (Edgbaston win 8-7); West Hants 5, Connaught 1. Women: Queen's Club 3, Millfield 3 (Queen's win 7-8); Huddersfield 3, Telford 3 (Huddersfield win 7-6).

YACHTING

PWLLHELI: ST/RYA national match-race championship: Final placings: 1, A Beadsworth; 2, S Childerly; 3, I Budgen; 4, P Isaatt; equal 5, G Charles, L Meade, T Law, S Tylecote.

FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

7.30 unless stated

GM Vauxhall Conference
Kidderminster v Macclesfield (7.45)

DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division: Stevenage Borough v Carshalton; Wivenhoe v Basingstoke. First division: Purfleet v Bishop's Stortford. Third division: Tring v Hertford
NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Premier division: Emley v Gainsborough. First division: Ashton United v Congleton, Caernarfon v Bamber Bridge.
NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Bristol City v Southampton
NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: President's Cup: Winterton Rangers v Yorkshire Amateurs.
CARLING NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: Tennents Floodlit Trophy: Rossendale v Atherton LR.

OTHER SPORT

GOLF: Golf Foundation schools championship (Wiltshire).

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Charity of Miss Elizabeth Florence Theodosia Roydh in connection with People's Dispensary for Sick Animals
The Commissioners propose to make a Scheme for this charity. A copy of the draft Scheme can be obtained by sending a stamped addressed envelope to St Alban's House, 57/60 Haymarket, London, SW1Y 4QX quoting reference DOS 208217 A/4 CD LDN3. Comments or representations can be made within one month from today.

CHARITY COMMISSION
CHARITY BETTY MAY GRAY
The Commissioners propose to make a Scheme for this Charity. A copy of the draft scheme can be seen at 8th Floor, Royex House, Aldermanbury Square, London EC2V 7HD (Ref SCP) or can be obtained by sending a stamped addressed envelope to St Alban's House, 57-60 Haymarket, London SW1Y 4QX quoting reference number REB 216352/2 C31.DN41. Comments or representations can be made within one month from today.

LEGAL NOTICES

O'CONNOR INVESTMENTS LIMITED
O'CONNOR SECURITIES LIMITED
O'CONNOR FUTURES LIMITED
(In Members' Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
On 30 September 1993 the above companies were placed into Members' Voluntary Liquidation and Martin Fishman of Arthur Andersen, P O Box 55, 1 Surrey Street, London WC2R 2NT, was appointed Liquidator by the Members.
The Liquidator gives notice pursuant to Rule 4.182A of the Insolvency Rules 1986 that the creditors of the companies must send details in writing, of any claim against the companies to Martin Fishman c/o Arthur Andersen, 1 Surrey Street, London WC2R 2NT by 30 November 1993.
The Liquidator also gives notice under the provisions of Rule 4.182A(6) that on 30 December 1993 he intends to make a final return to creditors who have submitted claims by 30 November 1993 and that there will be no further distribution to creditors.
The companies are able to pay all of their known creditors in full.
Dated 5th October 1993
M Fishman, Liquidator

CHINESE DREDGER COMPANY LIMITED
IN LIQUIDATION
Notice is hereby given that I Geoffrey William Rhodes, liquidator of Chinese Dredger Company Limited intend to declare a first and final dividend to the debenture holders of the above company on 31 December 1993.
Debenture holders who have not yet submitted a claim should do so by 15 December 1993 failing which they will be excluded from dividends. Proofs of debt should be lodged with the liquidator at Kidsons Impey, Devonshire House, 36 George Street, Manchester M1 4HA.
Dated this 28 day of September 1993
G W Rhodes, Liquidator

The Insolvency Act 1986
RADIOTRACKS LIMITED
(In Liquidation)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Eric William Sheppard FIPA of Poppleton & Appleby, 4 Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN was appointed Liquidator of the said Company by the members and creditors on 20th September 1993.
Dated this 4th day of October 1993
E.W. Sheppard, Liquidator

E & HP SMITH LIMITED
IN LIQUIDATION
Notice is hereby given that I Geoffrey William Rhodes, Liquidator of E & HP Smith Limited intend to declare a first and final dividend to unsecured creditors of the above company on 31 December 1993.
Unsecured creditors who have not yet submitted a claim should do so by 15 December 1993 failing which they will be excluded from dividends. Proofs of debt should be obtained from and lodged with the liquidator at Kidsons Impey, Devonshire House, 36 George Street, Manchester M1 4HA.
Dated this 28 day of September 1993
G W Rhodes, Liquidator

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NELLANDA LTD
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above named Company will be held at Langley House, Park Road, East Finchley, London N2 8EX on Thursday the 14th day of October 1993 at 11.00 o'clock in the forenoon for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act.
Any information required by the Creditors concerning the Company's affairs may be obtained from B Halfman of Edelmans, 25 Harley Street, London W1 being a person qualified to act as an Insolvency Practitioner.
DATED this 6th day of October 1993.
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
P. Polycarpou, DIRECTOR

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Expatriates have upper hand at Wormwood Scrubs

Australians who play by their own set of rules



Simon Barnes on an international staged in England but redolent of the sport's antipodean origins

The game is Australian Rules Football. It is normally called Aussie Rules. The Aussieness is the most obvious thing about the game, the Rules the least. And so, beset by a truant disposition, I went to Wormwood Scrubs to watch an Aussie Rules international.

Readers may supply their own Australian jokes here, though the match was not actually in the prison, it was on the vasty fields outside. A very English scene: a big sky, autumnal with towering cloud, and an endless green sward for playing games on. Landscape with goalposts.

"Over there!" the groundsman said urgently. "The pitch is over there." This may have been Great Britain v Hong Kong, but we were deep in amateursville. These were not Aussie Rules footballers: they were people who played Aussie Rules football.

Readers may make their own moral judgments here, if they wish, but everyone had a nice afternoon out, anyway, and there were at least as many spectators as there were players. The Hong Kong coach took a beer bottle from his mouth long enough to shout, "Go, Hong Kong", before replacing it.

There were not a lot of Chinese in the Hong Kong side. Well, none. Shock-horror, this was mostly expat Aussies, making a statement about their love of Australia, if not their love of Rules.

The Great Britain side ("Go, Bulldogs") operate under complicated rules of eligibility. The national league, with teams like West London Wildcats, permits no more than 12 of the 22 lining up for any one game to be Australian. The rest must be European Community passport-holders who have never played Rules in Australia.

So there is a sprinkling of Brits; and oddly, or not so oddly, a good collection of Irishmen. Hurling is the only game in the world that makes Rules look like a soft option: it is rough, but they do not carry bloody cudgels.

Back to Rules, such as they are. Hong Kong won 105-52. There were no punch-ups, many bruises. This is a game about kicking and catching, and it is considered socially acceptable, when reaching for a high ball, to use your opponent's kidneys as a stepladder.

In football, or rugby, if you think the opposition's courage or commitment is suspect, you pepper them with high balls. The basic structure of Rules is an unending rain of high balls, and the endless fight for the ball beneath. To catch the ball cleanly while being dismembered is the high point of the art: a fine sporting spectacle.

So much for Rules. It is the Australianness that counts. You can play this game at Wormwood Scrubs, in Kowloon, or at the Melbourne Cricket Ground; the game is still a celebration of Australia. Football, as in soccer, was invented in England, but you can kick a ball in Soweto, Rio de Janeiro or, for that matter, Wormwood Scrubs, and you are playing the world's game.

Perhaps that is why the Americans will never take to it. Because the national games of America have the same quality. Anyone who puts on shoulder-padding and a helmet to play American football is celebrating America, even if he is playing for the Milton Keynes Bucks.

Many nations play baseball, and it is even an Olympic sport, but you cannot pick up a round bat without offering a tribute to all things American. Some sports are inescapably imbued with a single nation. They are played with patriotic fervour, expatriate nostalgia, or sometimes a kind of *Toujours Provence* wish-fulfilment.

In fact, there was a boule *terrain* hard by the Scrubs. If the aim was to get the tough city kids of West London playing boule then the experiment has failed. The *terrain* was knee-deep in ragwort.

The Gaelic sports, hurling and Gaelic football, were revived as a deliberate statement of nationalism. Policemen, by definition working for the British colonial power, were banned from playing either. And to play hurling in Boston or Sydney is to celebrate Irishness. Rules has existed for 150 years and it remains a purely Australian concern. So what about England? Look for a game as quintessentially English, and many will turn at once to cricket. What after all, could be more English?

It was so English that homesick Englishmen who went to the colonies played it. It was so English that Indian princelings played to show how jolly English they were.

But it got out of hand. As history marched and the world changed, so cricket changed and grew beyond Englishness. Cricket is only an expression of Englishness when the English play it. These days it is also a celebration of Pakistaniness, Australianness, West Indianness. That is where problems arise — in all games, but most particularly in cricket. Too many English people still think that cricket is merely English through and through. It is, but it is many other things through and through as well. Times and games change: cricket is no longer English Rules.

JULIAN HERBERT



A member of the Great Britain side (hooped shirt) outjumps a Hong Kong opponent

White Sox continue comeback against Blue Jays

LANCE Johnson hit a home run and a triple for a career-best four runs batted in as the Chicago White Sox beat the Toronto Blue Jays 7-4 in Toronto on Saturday and levelled the American League championship baseball series at 2-2. No team has captured a league play-off after losing the first two games at home.

Johnson gave the Sox a 2-0 lead in the second inning with his first home run since August 24, 1992, and broke a 3-3 tie with a two-run triple in the sixth. Tim Belcher, normally a starting pitcher, who was acquired by the White Sox from Cincinnati just before the trade deadline on July 31, got the win after allowing one run on three hits and three walks in 3²/₃ innings in relief of the rookie starter, Jason Bere.

Trailing 5-3, the Blue Jays had a chance to level the game in the bottom of the sixth. Rickey Henderson drew a one-out walk, moved to second on a wild pitch, took third on White's groundout and scored on Alomar's double down the right-field line. Carter followed with a single to shallow left, but Tim Raines nailed Alomar at the plate to end the inning.

The White Sox added runs in the seventh on Joey Cora's groundout and in the ninth on Robin Ventura's single. Toronto had one more chance to win at home last night when Chicago sent out the leading pitcher, Jack McDowell, against Juan Guzman, of the Blue Jays.

The Atlanta Braves resumed their offensive onslaught on Saturday to beat the Philadelphia Phillies 9-4 and gain a 2-1 lead in the National League championship series.

Dave Justice's two-run double was the highlight as the Braves scored five runs in the sixth inning and Mark Lemke delivered a three-run double in the seventh to lead Atlanta's 12-hit assault.

Tom Glavine, a 22-game winner during the regular season for Atlanta, pitched seven strong innings. He allowed two runs on six hits to earn the win, did not walk a batter and struck out five.

The Philadelphia starting pitcher, Terry Mulholland, pitched five scoreless innings and took a 2-0 lead into the sixth before the Braves erupted for five runs. Atlanta added four more runs in the seventh for a 9-2 lead.

John Kruk, the first baseman, drove in three of Philadelphia's runs. Mariano Duncan and Kruk hit back-to-back triples in the fourth for a 1-0 lead. Kruk's home run put the Phillies 2-0 up in the top of the sixth, but the Braves went ahead in the bottom of the inning and did not look back.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Beadsworth retains match-racing title

ANDY Beadsworth retained his BT/RYA national match-racing title at Pwllheli yesterday. Beadsworth and his crew, Julian Salter, Ian Tillet and Barry Parkin, sailed through the five-day series without losing a match.

In the final, Beadsworth beat the Olympic Finn representative, Stuart Childerley, in straight matches and would have secured his title half an hour earlier had not the jury disallowed his win in the first match for forcing a collision at the windward mark. It was the only point at which Childerley was in front.

Two Australian yachtsmen, Simon McKeon and Tim Daddo, aboard a 12-metre high trimaran, Yellow Pages Endeavour, claimed a new outright sailing speed record of 46.02 knots (53.2mph) yesterday at Shallow Inlet, a sheltered bay 180 kilometres south-east of Melbourne. Their speed must be ratified by the International Yacht Racing Union before it can be included in the record books.

Dangerfield sets pace

CYCLING: Stuart Dangerfield broke the record held by Chris Boardman, the Olympic 4,000m pursuit champion, when he secured a comfortable victory in the hill-climbing race at the Horseshoe Pass, near Llangollen, yesterday. He made the 2.8-mile ascent in 9min 04sec to improve on Boardman's record, set in 1989, by three seconds and leave the 120-strong field trailing in his wake. Dangerfield, who will defend his national title on October 31, finished 52 seconds ahead of his nearest challenger, Jon Waddilove, after a ride in which he was helped over the final stretches by favourable wind conditions.

Burt's crowning glory

MOTOR SPORT: Kelvin Burt crowned his championship-winning season with a hard-fought victory in the final round of the British Formula Three championship at Thruxton in Hampshire. The car driven by the race leader, Marc Goossens, of Belgium, flipped across the kerb at the infamous Thruxton chicane, making Burt's task easier. There was further drama at the chicane when Andre Riveiro, of Brazil, overshot the corner and collided with Goossens, putting both drivers out of the race at half distance. Oliver Gavin, of Britain, was second.

Haining in limelight

ROWING: Peter Haining, the world lightweight sculling champion, made an unexpected appearance under Poplar colours in the Tideway Pairs Head on Saturday and took the day's honours in the open double sculls with Chris Spencer. His world championship colleague, Miriam Batten, raced in a double scull with her younger sister, Guin, the national champion, and they won the women's open doubles by 13 seconds. Thomas Lange, the German Olympic champion, has withdrawn from the Thames World Sculling Challenge. Steve Redgrave replaces him.

Tough draw for Kings

BASKETBALL: Guildford Kings will meet three of the best clubs on the Continent following the European championship draw in Munich on Saturday. Over the next four months, they will play Limoges, the European champions, Benetton Treviso, the runners-up, and Real Madrid, who also made the final four last April. Also in Guildford's formidable group are Barcelona, Olympiakos, Mechelin and Leverkusen.

DRAW: Group A: Barcelona, Real Madrid, Olympiakos, Guildford Kings, Malines, Bayer Leverkusen, Benetton Treviso, Limoges. Group B: Panathinaikos Athens, Joventut Badalona, Cibona Zagreb, Sporing Lisbon, Istanbul, Caritu, Pau, Bologna.

Receiver called in

ICE HOCKEY: The owners of Peterborough ice rink have appointed a receiver and the rink, according to a press release, no longer exists. Part of the refrigeration plant has been removed and it is thought that much of it has been destroyed. The Pirates are determined to carry on and hope to play next weekend's home premier division game against Murrayfield Racers at Milton Keynes. As expected, Cardiff Devils were outclassed in their European Cup matches in Riga, losing 9-1 to the Latvian champions and 11-4 to the champions of the Ukraine.

King argues for open judging and 'overtime' in drawn bouts



David Miller hears a hustler at work claiming that he wants to clean up boxing's poor image

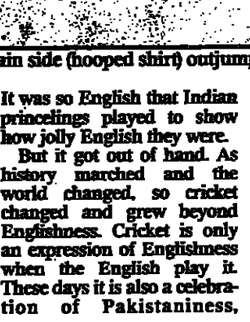
A former manslaughter convict who starts harranguing about fair play for others is likely to command as much or more attention than if the judge who sent him down were to make the same pronouncements. Don King, the oversize and overbearing American promoter, wants to clean up boxing's image.

Not before time, we all say. And the more so, when Ray Clarke, the World Boxing Council supervisor, refused to reveal — as happened the previous week at Cardiff — the round-by-round marking of three judges in what was in every other sense the fight of the year. A glorious exhibition of the Queensberry Rules against a shoddy backcloth.

King, who lost some of his dominance with the demise of Mike Tyson, was moved to make his proposal by the draw decision of another memorable bout at Old Trafford on Saturday between Chris Eubank and Nigel Benn: one judge for each boxer, one split. So valiant were both men, so astonishingly fit and brave and resilient, that a level final card had every moral justification. That, however, was not King's.

There were enough experienced neutral observers who equally supported one or other of two exceptional fighters, and some who genuinely considered the contest so close it was impossible to divide them, that there could be no cause for crying "fix". Nonetheless, some in Benn's camp, some journalists and even Benn himself attempted to imply that there was; though that was merely the assertion of life's normal emotional prejudices.

King came to the post-fight press conference and, while repeatedly declining to give his own opinion on whether either man should have been given the verdict, stated categorically — at least 11 times, I think, in his usual Buddy Rich-gone-berserk style — that the reputation of the sport requires both open



judging and "overtime" where necessary. I would vigorously resist the second, but the first is as obvious as a cricket scoreboard.

As King stressed, the public and the boxers are entitled to know the state of play, round by round: as a demonstration of integrity and competence by the judges, as an added element of drama for the public, and as guidance for the competitors. Never was a fight more in need of this information as Eubank and Benn, at the climax of another classic bout, went into the last two rounds as uncertain as the 47,000 crowd who was in front in the minds of the three people who mattered.

Solomon could not have been dogmatic on the balance of such a pulsating, swaying battle of wits, or raw guts and defiant recovery by both men. By my count, as they hurled themselves into the eleventh, there had been three rounds level, four to Benn and three to Eubank, one of these on the point deducted against Benn in the sixth round for repeated low hitting.

As King stressed, the public and boxers have the right to know the state of play. It demonstrates the judges' integrity

As Eubank arguably, but not conclusively, took those last two rounds, that would have made him the winner. While less blood-spattered than the encounter three years ago, this had been another remarkable display: the hustling, weaving, ducking Benn, who fights like a wolf at the throat of a bear at bay, Eubank upright, focused, riding Benn's repeated right-handers and responding with an array of combination punches that would have halted almost anyone else. So low was often Benn's head, it was impossible to hit.

Open scoring was tried in America and abandoned, on the grounds that some judges felt emotionally and even physically intimidated. That, in my opinion, makes the case even stronger. If judges are so frail as to be driven towards prejudice, they should be exposed and replaced. The need for the referee to collect the round markings is easily overcome by electronic buttons, instantly revealing the score as in gymnastics judging or athletic field events measurements.

Overtime is another matter. King, being a hustler, argues that the boxers can withstand an extra round. Did not they fight 50 rounds in the old days? His suggestion carries the essence of danger. Title fights have been reduced, wisely, from 15 to 12 rounds. For a dazed fighter on rubbery legs, who has earned legitimite equality over 12 rounds, to be forced back into the ring is inviting the kind of damage that further undermines boxing.

There is nothing wrong with an honourable draw such as we witnessed at Old Trafford. The smell of corruption to which King refers — and few have been better positioned to have scented it — and the possibility of decisions arranged to generate another lucrative rematch, would be eliminated by open scorecards.

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Onslaught by Wasps highlights Bath's frailties

Bryan Stiles believes the champions are not the invincible force so many had feared

WASPS have lit a beacon to which the rest of England's leading clubs can rally. They stoked the flames of hope in this close-run match on Saturday that Bath are not the invincible force so many had feared.

Wasps, who went down 19-13, had come within a whisker of inflicting Bath's first defeat of the season in a wonderfully aggressive final onslaught, only to be denied a try under the posts in injury time from Dean Ryan, their captain.

Even though Bath seem to have a stronger team than when they won the Courage Clubs Championship on every occasion in the past three seasons, Wasps are convinced they can be beaten to the title.

Jack Rowell, Bath's redoubtable coach, may not agree with that assessment but he acknowledged after this let-off that his team may have to endure at least two or three defeats this season — just the news the chasing pack want to hear. "With the number of intense league and representative matches players have to play they are going to be in a heap before the season ends," said Rowell, whose team has won all five matches and continues to head the table.

Geoff Cooke, the England manager, watching from the stand, must have been pleased with the showing of several who should make it into the national team to meet the All Blacks on November 27.

Clarke was at his athletic best, charging away on powerful runs at a pace that sometimes left his support trailing way behind. He did much of the groundwork in the move which led to his scoring a hotly disputed try in the last quarter that seemed to have put the seal on victory, giving Bath a 19-6 lead. Ubogu, Hall and Robinson were also impressive, knocking holes in the Wasps defence.

The duel between Barnes and Andrew continued, with Barnes taking the honours even though he was hampered by a leg injury. His midfield surge to set up a try for Catt three minutes into the second half was superb.

Andrew — apart from kicking two penalties and a conversion — triggered off the marvellous late assault that almost snatched victory. With only minutes left, he started a move near his own line which swept the length of the field and put Childs over near the posts. Minutes later Ryan grounded the ball under the Bath crossbar but the referee ruled he was short of the line.

Buzza, who injured an arm is unlikely to play for London against the North in Newcastle on Saturday, but Oti, who has a groin strain, should make it.

SCORERS: Wasps: Try: Childs. Conversion: Andrew. Penalty goals: Andrew (2). Bath: Tries: Catt, Clarke. Penalty goals: Callard (3).
WASPS: A Buzza, P Hopley, G Childs, D Hopley, C Oti, R Andrew, S Bates, G Holmes, K Dunn, J Probyn, M Greenwood, R Kinsey, D Ryan, M White, C Wilkins. Oti replaced by L Dallaglio (59min), Buzza replaced by M Skinner (68).
BATH: J Callard, A Adebayo, P De Glanville, M Catt, A Lumsden, S Barnes, R Hill, V Ubogu, G Dawe, G Chilcott, A Robinson, M Haag, N Redman, J Hall, B Clarke.
Referee: G Black (Ireland).

Japanese head for Cardiff with spirits raised



Gerald Davies sees West Wales succumb to sleek handling as visitors add class to drab encounter

JAPAN beat West Wales 26-10 in match of poor quality at Lewis Lloyd Park, Narberth, on Saturday, but unlike their opponents, who had no redeeming features, the touring players at least finished with the satisfaction of victory.

In a poor game, being a few points ahead can be the only salvation, and Japan, after losing heavily against the two other Welsh representative teams, will be in a more buoyant mood for the international next Saturday.

There is one match between: tomorrow, against a selection from the third and fourth division of the Heineken League. But already Japanese minds are surely set on Cardiff Arms Park, which brings with it the sense of one final effort; a sense of honour, too.

The Welsh team may wish to consider that ten years ago, when Japan last played in Cardiff, only five points separated the teams.

It is not only the Japanese who will be relieved by this victory. The Welsh Rugby Union (WRU), too, will be joyous, hoping that ticket sales for Saturday will improve.

To date, attendances at all of Japan's matches have been smaller than expected, and unless there is an upsurge in the next few days, the tour will be a financial loss. For the future, touring fixtures should be reviewed. To what extent do people identify sufficiently with east or west Wales to draw them to the games. Would not club matches have been better?

There has been no sponsor for the tour either, another point that the general committee may wish to consider. It is not only players who represent and give identity to Welsh rugby; those who administer the game do as well. The general committee may be anonymous, but it is not faceless. The face is that of the Welsh Rugby Union. And if that administration is racked with doubt, riven with disagreements and uncertain of its direction, which sponsor, it must be asked, would wish to be associated with it?

With six of their international players having decided not to travel, Japan have not progressed as they would have wished. With them, they would have struggled; without them, there has been an element of hara-kiri.

At Narberth, as elsewhere on the tour, there were promises of what Japan were capable of and of a style others might learn from; but they cannot win the ball often enough. Time and again, lineouts proved an unequal struggle.

They did not have the chances to press home the point that, given enough imagination or, alternatively, when placed in adversity, rugby does not necessarily have to be dominated by the tall and hefty brigade — provided that the gap is not too great.

West Wales proved incompetent which, once Rhodri Jones had departed, left not a single memorable impression.

No player stood out. No movement etched itself on the mind. At least the visitors, especially in those movements which produced four tries, did leave the warm feeling that, given swift passing, size is not everything. Nagatomo, whose weight of 9st quoted in the programme seems an exaggeration, was always doing fine things, not least his rapid distribution of the ball.

The delivery of his pass proved crucial in each of their scores, when they did not allow the game to get bogged down among the technicalities of forward play. It was the play of the Japanese which generally drew the cheers.

West Wales scored within two minutes of the kick-off when, with the stiff breeze in their faces, Barclay won the race for the touchdown from Lewis's chip to the corner.

Kunda's try, converted by Nagatomo, drew from the talents of both forwards and backs. By half-time, Rhodri Jones scored at the end of a somewhat haphazard movement before another running attack produced a try for Maeda, again converted by their scrum half.

Nothing much changed in the second half except for the tries scored by Ouchi, on his return from a one-match suspension, and Latu. The last was converted by Maeda.

SCORERS: West Wales: Tries: Barclay, R Jones. Japan: Tries: Kunda, Maeda, Ouchi, Latu; Conversions: Nagatomo (2), Maeda.
WEST WALES: D Weatherley (Swansea), S Barclay (Swansea), J Jardine (Aberavon), I Lewis (Swansea), G Wilkins (Bridgend); M Lewis (Bridgend), R Jones (Neath), I Buckett (Swansea), A Thomas (Neath), R Shaw (Swansea), I Davies (Swansea), Glyn Llewellyn (Neath), P Jones (Llanelli), A Varney (Neath), A Williams (Maesteg). R Jones replaced by H Harries (Llanelli, 46min); Davies replaced by I Jones (Swansea, 46).
JAPAN: T Matsuda, T Maeda, M Fujikake, T Fasimasino, Y Yoshida, S Aoki, T Nagatomo, O Ota, M Kunda, A Takahashi, S Kaleta, Y Sakuraba, B Ferguson, H Ouchi, S Latu. S Ono temporary replacement for Kaleta.
Referee: R McDowall (Irish RFU).

Tainton misses chances to save Bristol

Christopher Irvine has some sympathy with Orrell's decision to stick to well-tried methods

NEW tricks do not come easily to old dogs. The bump and grind school has about had its day, yet for sides such as Orrell, whose preoccupation is survival in the first division of the Courage Clubs Championship, resistance to change remains strong.

This is partly stubbornness, but practical in its way. Without the speed and power to positively embrace the new laws, like Bath and Leicester, Orrell do what comes naturally. At Edge Hall Road on Saturday, this was just sufficient to overcome Bristol's stout resistance by 16-13, with a decent dollop of good fortune.

Two valuable points were eked out the hard way. On the one occasion, however, the ball travelled out to the threequarters, instead of taking route one back inside to the wing forwards. Johnson's change of pace and keen eye opened the gap for Naylor to score the winning points 13 minutes from time.

There was a lesson in this. Orrell, for the time being, though, seem reluctant to learn. Their tactical argument, built around an unwieldy pack and Dewi Morris, without whom the Lancashire side would probably be doomed to relegation, would have stood up better, if having laboriously creating attacking platforms, their forwards did not squander possession in the last third of the field.

That part of the pitch was virtually blotted out in the first half by smoke billowing from a barbecue, which was something of a blessing for the meagre crowd. As a damp squib of a game merely underlined, Orrell and Bristol are never going to set the world on fire.

Bristol, unwisely as it transpired, trusted to their defence. But with Hull's interventions from full back, always looked the more dangerous on the break. The pity was that their ambition immediately haemorrhaged after a 30-yard driving maul, lineout take and quick release at the ruck had enabled Saverimutto to scoot clear early in the second period.

Orrell varied their lineouts to deny the two Bristol windmills, Shaw and Blackmore, and hammered away for half-an-hour until the visitors buckled. Ainscough landed two penalty goals for offside and converted Naylor's fourth league try.

With charcoal dust and a hazy sun in his eyes, Tainton three times stepped up for penalties, two from long range, in the final ten minutes. To Orrell's audible relief, the task of bringing Bristol a third away win proved just beyond him.

SCORERS: Orrell: Try: Naylor. Conversion: Ainscough. Penalty goals: Ainscough (2). Langford Bristol: Try: Saverimutto. Conversion: Tainton. Penalty goals: Tainton (2).
ORRELL: S Tabemer; J Naylor, S Langford (rep: G Ainscough, 31min), P Johnson, P Hamer; A Peacock, D Morris, M Ridehalgh, G French. S Southern, N Ashurst, C Cusani, C Cooper, P Manley (rep: C Brierley, 40). D Cleary.
BRISTOL: P Hull, D John, A Saverimutto, D Ring, S Crossland; M Tainton, M Newall; A Sharp, D Palmer, D Hinkins, J Pearson, S Shaw, A Blackmore, C Barrow, D Eves.
Referee: C Muir (Scotland).

Leading clubs reassess aims and attitudes in battle for league points

Harlequins display fresh realism

David Hands watches players noted for their style answer the call for more determination

MARC ASPLAND



Fielding, the Northampton centre, uses basketball skills to get the ball away to Hunter despite the attentions of Thompson, right, and O'Leary

CRISIS at Harlequins? What crisis? Third in the first division table as the Courage Clubs Championship goes into recess can hardly be the stuff of nightmares yet these last ten days have suggested a club so low on confidence that stern measures have been required by management to bring matters back under control.

Because of who they are and the position they occupy in the English game, Harlequins labour under a great weight of expectation and a 15-7 victory over Northampton at the Stoop Memorial ground on Saturday — five penalty goals by Kent Bray to a goal — was scarcely the stuff of romance. But it was a result grafted for by a team not noted for its grafting and may be a sign that, at last, Harlequins are coming to terms with league rugby.

Two matches caused heartache at the Stoop: the win over London Irish, who were permitted to stage a grandiose revival and the defeat by Bristol, who overturned a 15-0 deficit. Jamie Salmon, Harlequins' general manager, regrets that it has taken three matches to get into the season.

"After Bristol I said that enough was enough. I don't care if we win, lose or draw so long as our players come off the field deserving respect. Today I thought we earned that respect for the manner in which we competed, the desire we showed and the pride in the shirt, which is what we are after. We are not a championship side, whatever anyone says, we are trying to build a side and a lot of our players are under 25."

Northampton, now fourth in the table, are in the same boat: a young side, younger than they would like in the second row where injury to Martin Bayfield has forced them to pair two 21-year-olds. "We have isolated ourselves from league aspirations and concentrated on developing the game we are trying to play," Glenn Ross, their coach, said.

Ross is not displeased with Northampton's position at this stage. He has set targets in specific areas and believes that if those targets are achieved and the correct style developed, then the results will look after themselves. Against Harlequins, however, his backs were placed under severe pressure and found no way of taking the game forward, with the notable exceptions of Matthew Dawson and Ian Hunter.

It was a poor reflection of the run of play that Northampton led 7-0 at the interval because Harlequins had dominated the first half-hour without putting points on the board. That was the result of some notable lineout work by Alex Snow and David Dix, allied to the throwing of Brian Moore, the England hooker. Moore, dropped the previous weekend, does not take such affronts lying down and his constructive approach was a formidable example.

Harlequins are in the happy position of having such injured absentees as Troy Coker and Richard Langhorn to call upon, while Mark Russell is languishing in the second XV. They will need them: Justyn Cassell's divisional aspirations ended just before the interval when a mighty tackle by Tim Rodber left him with a dislocated shoulder which will prevent him playing for a month.

Salmon also acknowledges that the time will come to rest Will Carling and Jason Leonard, so that both club and country may see the best of them. Already, though, he is delighted with the progress of Chris Sheasby and Martin Pepper, this season's recruit from Nottingham. Pepper, 25, a teacher in Staines, has already impressed with his tackle rate and he gave notable depth to the defence against Northampton.

Sheasby, I suppose, illustrates the change of attitude that Salmon is seeking. Once known for his flyaway style in the loose and his sevens ability, Sheasby has added a harder edge to his game which may take him into the divisional side at six or eight in the back row. He had more help from his colleagues than Rodber did for Northampton, who were slightly fortunate that Dawson's slip caught the Harlequin defence off balance and allowed the scrum half through for the only try.

Within a 23-minute period, however, Bray had knocked over the goals which indicated a growing desperation by Northampton about the field. With the wind at his back, Challinor was content to kick vast distances and play the game deep in Northampton territory. There are more interesting ways of playing but, just now, practical advancement is the name of the Harlequin game.

SCORERS: Harlequins: Penalty goals: Bray (5). Northampton: Try: Dawson. Conversion: Grayson.
HARLEQUINS: K Bray; D O'Leary, W Carling, G Thompson, J Alexander, P Challinor; R Glencross, J Leonard, B Moore, A Mullins, M Pepper, A Snow, D Dix, J Cassell. C Sheasby. Cassell replaced by P Threlfall (38min).
NORTHAMPTON: I Hunter, H Thornycroft, M Fielden, R MacNaughton, N Beal, P Grayson, M Dawson, G Baldwin, J Olver, G Pearce, P Walton, G Webster, J Phillips, C Millhouse, T Rodber.
Referee: D McHugh (Munster).

WEEKEND RESULTS AND TABLES

Courage Clubs Championship

First division

Gloucester 9 London Irish 10
Gloucester: Pens: Roberts 3. London Irish: Try: Dooley Con: Burke Pen: Burke

Harlequins 15 Northampton 7
Harlequins: Pens: Bray 5. Northampton: Try: Dawson Con: Grayson.

Newcastle G 13 Leicester 22
Newcastle Gosforth: Try: Arnold. Con: Wilcox. Pens: Wilcox 2. Leicester: Try: Back. Con: Harris Pens: Harris 4 Dropped goal: Harris.

Orrell 16 Bristol 13
Orrell: Try: Naylor Con: Ainscough. Pens: Ainscough 2. Langford Bristol: Try: Saverimutto Con: Tainton Pens: Tainton 2

Wasps 13 Bath 19
Wasps: Try: Childs. Con: Andrew Pens: Andrew 2. Bath: Tries: Catt, Clarke. Pens: Callard 3.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bath	5	5	0	0	138	64	10
Leicester	5	4	0	1	116	70	8
Harlequins	5	3	0	2	97	63	6
Northampton	5	3	0	2	88	96	6
Wasps	5	2	1	2	84	102	5
Orrell	5	2	0	3	97	85	4
Bristol	5	2	0	3	81	80	4
L Irish	5	2	0	3	58	84	4
Gloucester	5	0	2	3	61	100	2
Newcastle G	5	0	1	4	61	136	1

LEADING SCORERS: 62: J Callard (Bath, 2 tries, 11 conversions, 10 penalty goals). 61: P Grayson (Northampton; 2t, 6c, 12pg; 1 dropped goal). 48: R Andrew (Wasps; 1t, 4c, 12pg); J Harris (Leicester, 5c, 8pg, 5dg). 44: K Bray (Harlequins; 1c, 14pg) 42: S Langford (Orrell; 3c, 12pg) 35: D Johnson (Newcastle Gosforth; 1c, 11pg). 34: M Tainton (Bristol; 5c, 8pg). 31: P Burke (London Irish; 2c, 8pg, 1dg)

Second division

L Scottish 16 Moseley 8
London Scottish: Try: Eriksson. Con: Russell. Pens: Russell 3. Moseley: Try: Dossett. Pen: Hodgkinson.

Sale 16 Rugby 3

Saracens 13 Nottingham 3
Saracens: Try: Ravenscroft Con: Tunningley Pen: Tunningley. Dropped goal: Hughes Nottingham: Pen: Gallagher

Waterloo 39 Otley 16
Waterloo: Tries: Ashcroft 2, Atchison, Meredith, Savenmutto Cons: Emmett 2, Swindells 2. Pens: Emmett, Swindells. Otley: Try: Rutledge Con: Rutledge Pens. Rutledge 3.

W Hartlepool 13 Wakefield 13
West Hartlepool: Try: Dixon. Con: Stabler Pens: Stabler 2. Wakefield: Try: Sleaghtholme Con: Lley. Pens: Lley 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
W Hartlepool	6	4	1	0	136	63	9
Sale	5	4	0	1	100	24	8
Saracens	5	3	1	1	62	67	7
Otley	5	3	0	2	77	100	6
Wakefield	5	1	2	2	88	75	4
Moseley	5	2	0	3	72	78	4
L Scottish	5	2	0	3	44	51	4
Rugby	5	2	0	3	61	111	4
Waterloo	6	1	1	3	81	90	3
Nottingham	5	0	1	4	54	90	1

LEADING SCORERS: 85: J Stabler (West Hartlepool; 1 try, 12 conversions, 12 penalty goals). 53: R Liley (Wakefield; 1t, 6c, 12pg) 51: M Mapletoft (Rugby, 4t, 5c, 7pg). P Rutledge (Otley; 2t, 1c, 13pg). 46: G Gregory (Nottingham, 1t, 1c, 12pg, 1 dropped goal) Alt P Turner (Sale, 8c, 8pg). 33: A Tunningley (Saracens, 1t, 2c, 8pg) 29: A Kerr (Moseley; 4c, 7pg). 25: S Swindells (Waterloo; 2c, 7pg).

Heineken League

First division

Aberavon 8 Newbridge 28
Aberavon: Try: Evans. Pen: Lewis. Newbridge: Tries: Churcher, Green, Griffiths, Reed, Con: Green. Pen: Green, Taylor.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Neath	6	5	1	0	167	87	11
Cardiff	6	5	0	1	244	59	10
Llanelli	6	5	0	1	144	88	10
Swansea	6	5	0	1	141	87	10
Pontypridd	5	3	1	1	137	95	7
Bridgend	6	3	0	3	151	124	6
Newport	6	2	0	4	100	140	4
Aberavon	6	2	0	4	92	148	4
Newbridge	6	2	0	4	87	106	4
Dunvant	5	2	0	3	58	123	4
Pont-y-pool	5	2	0	3	58	123	4

Second division

Abertillery	28	Ebbw Vale	3
Llandovery	9	Mt Ash	8
Llanharan	5	Maesteg	24
Pontardh	8	Treorchy	20
S Wales Pol	28	Glamorgan W	12

McEwan's League

First division

Boroughmuir	18	Selkirk	16

Boroughmuir: Tries: Scott, Hall Con: Easson Pens: Easson 2. Selkirk: Try: Nicholl Con: Brett Pens: Brett 3

Gala	30	Edinburgh Ac	3

Gala: Tries: Dalgleish, Swan Weir 2. Edinburgh Academicals: Pen: Heysmith

Hawick	10	Melrose	12

Hawick: Tries: Suddon, Renwick. Melrose: Pens: Parker 4

Heriots FP	24	W of Scotland	14

Heriots: Tries: Gilmour, Livingstone, Allingham Con: Glasgow 3 Pen: Glasgow West of Scotland: Try: Carmichael Pen: Barratt. Pens: Williamson 2

Kelso	11	Currie	24

Kelso: Try: Bennet Pens: Atchison 2. Currie: Tries: Scott, To Whatt Con: Donaldson. Pens: Donaldson 3 Dropped goal: Donaldson

Stewarts Mel	7	Jed-Forest	17

Stewarts Melville, Try: McKenzie Con: Wyse. Jed Forest: Tries: Brown, Hogg, Douglas Con: Hogg

Stirling Co	30	Watsonians	6

Stirling County: Tries: Harper, Brough, Logan Con: McKenzie 3. Pens: McKenzie 3 Watsonians: Pen: Hodge

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Stirling Co	5	4	0	1	130	69	8
Melrose	5	4	0	1	124	72	8
Gala	5	4	0	1	131	80	8
Heriots FP	5	4	0	1	116	71	8
Currie	5	3	0	2	120	81	6
Edinburgh Ac	5	3	0	2	99	84	6
Hawick	5	3	0	2	103	65	6
Stewarts Mel FP	5	2	1	2	66	75	5
Jed-Forest	5	2	0	3	74	70	4
Boroughmuir	5	2	0	3	94	99	4
Kelso	5	2	0	3	55	111	4
W of Scotland	5	1	1	3	99	102	3
Selkirk	5	0	1	4	55	101	1
Watsonians	5	0	0	5	66	218	0

Second division

Glasgow Ac	3	Dundee HSFP	17
Grangemouth	7	Edinburgh W	13
Haddington	0	Glasgow High	13
Kirkcaldy	22	Biggar	13
Musselburgh	14	Wigtownshire	16

Insurance Corporation League

First division

Dungannon	43	Y Munster	16
Greystones	9	Shannon	6
Old Wesley	22	Cork Con	28
St Mary's Col	19	Lansdowne	24

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Blackrock Col	3	3	0	0	52	30	6
Greystones	3	3	0	0	45	25	6
Dungannon	4	2	0	2	75	54	4
Garryowen	3	2	0	1	49	36	4
Shannon	4	2	0	2	43	34	4
Cork Con	4	2	0	2	58	51	4
Lansdowne	3	1	0	1	43	45	2
St Mary's Col	4	1	0	3	52	73	2
Old Wesley	4	1	0	3	40	65	2
Y Munster	4	1	0	3	49	79	2
Wanderers	3	0	0	3	23	43	0

Second division

Bangor	20	Dolphin	15
Galwegians	18	Terenure	9
Instonians	21	Old Crescent	9
Old Belvedere	8	Ballymena	23
Sunday's Well	13	Malone	17

Tour match

West Wales	10	Japan	26

West Wales: Tries: Barclay Jones. Japan: Tries: Kunda, Latu, Maeda, Ouchi Cons: Nagatomo 2. Maeda

CLUB MATCHES: Bedford 31, Llanelli 7, Bridgend 15, Rosslyn Park 37, Camborne 12, Taunton 24, Cambridge University 18, Blackheath 3; Durham 13, Northern 3; Exeter 37, Basingstoke 11, Fylde 34, Broughton Park 8, Havant 6, London Welsh 22, Leeds 41, Lichfield 0, Liverpool St Helens 34, Preston Grasshoppers 18; Metropolitan Police 68, Sidcup 5, Morley 5, Harrogate 32; Newport 23, Richmond 21, North Walsham 6, Sudbury 22, Nuneaton 18, Plymouth 22, Oxford University 18, Loughborough Students 9, Pontypool 34, Weston-super-Mare 0, Reading 24, Maidenhead 8, Redruth 0, Neath 30, Rotherham 39, Redcar 14, Sheffield 30, Kendal 3, Stourbridge 3, Clifton 27; Streatham and Croydon 5, Askeans 42, Swansea 35, Coventry 26. Cancelled: Lydney v Birmingham and Solihull

INTERNATIONAL MATCH: Canada

Brooke's injury casts doubt

AUCKLAND'S 27-18 victory over Otago in the New Zealand provincial championship final yesterday was not without cost for the All Blacks tour party that leaves for London on Sunday. Robin Brooke, the lock, tore a calf muscle and must undergo a fitness test when the tour party gathers on Thursday.

Minor injuries to Sean Fitzpatrick, the captain, and John Timu, the Otago full back, are not thought to be serious.

Auckland's success at Eden Park included a perfect kicking performance by Grant Fox, who converted five chances out of five.

The final may have been Fox's last game. The stand-off half, who is unavailable for the tour to Britain, will wait until the new year before coming to a decision. One of his potential replacements in the national side, Stephen Bachop, blew hot and cold for Otago, who did well to recover from a half-time deficit of 20-3.

Spectators short-changed

Barry Trowbridge sees Saracens grind out victory in a game of few thrills at Southgate

BARELY 15 minutes of visibly creative rugby does not make a match entertaining any more than the proverbial swallow makes a summer, but at least the arrival in spring of aerial visitors from Africa heralds brighter days in the not-too-distant future. From the performances on both sides at Southgate on Saturday, such days are a long way off for Saracens and Nottingham.

Saracens ground their way to a 13-3 victory and moved above Otley into third place in the second division of the Courage Clubs Championship, but they were woefully short of ideas, and apart from a spell ten minutes immediately before half-time and five minutes after, matched Nottingham's ineptitude in all departments.

Good quality possession from lineouts, where Mark Burrow and Tony Diprose outmanoeuvred Chris Gray and David Hindmarch most times they were shortened, was wasted by the Saracens backs with their obviously well prepared drive straight at the cover producing only one clear scoring chance, which Steve Ravenscroft rounded John Green, nominally the blind-side flanker, appeared too often at outside centre for what little orthodox threequarter play there was to create space. And at stand-off half, Gareth Hughes spent most of his time in possession either turning to face his centres before delivering unconvincing ball or delaying his hoists downfield far too long for comfort.

At the top of the division, West Hartlepool have built on a foundation of player continuity. As the third most successful clubs in London and the East Midlands respectively, Saracens and Nottingham have to contend with losing some of their best men to high-flying neighbours, but the fact that, of those that faced each other when they last met in a league match, on February 29, 1992, only three per side played on Saturday, suggests that perhaps some to uniting the cause before better times return.

Having led 13-3 at half-time, West dropped their first point of the season at the weekend as Jon Sleightholme's fourth league try of the campaign and Rob Liley's reliable kicking sparked a Wakefield revival, while Sale, in second place, were heaping more gloom on Rugby for whom Mark Mapletoft is proving a rare high point, his all-round expertise having provided 51 of their 61 points so far.

Playing as they do in an open corner of a public park, Saracens tend to attract the gaze of more than a handful of non-paying passers by. The mystery on Saturday was why some of them bothered to see out a match prolonged by more than 12 minutes through injuries; but public executions had a macabre appeal, too.

SCORERS: Saracens: Try: Ravenscroft. Conversion: Tunningley. Penalty goal: Tunningley. Dropped goal: G Hughes. Nottingham: Penalty goal: Gallagher.
SARACENS: A Tunningley, M Kemp, J Buckton, S Ravenscroft, P Hughes; G Hughes; B Davies, R James, A Clark, R Andrews, J Green. M Langley, M Burrow, J van Poortvliet, A Diprose. P Hughes replaced by J Jonkers (7min), Langley replaced by C Olney (51).
NOTTINGHAM: M Gallagher; R Croft, A Furley, C Jones, A Smallwood; G Gregory, A Royer; M Hallam, D West, A Jackson, N Malik; D Hindmarch, C Gray, A Metcalfe, M Bradley. Croft replaced by B Ryan (39).

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Drum Taps beats path to riches in Melbourne

By Richard Evans, Racing Correspondent

AT 4.30 this morning Drum Taps left his stable at West Ilsley in Berkshire to embark on a 10,500-mile journey — and secure a special place in racing history.

The two-time Ascot Gold Cup winner will become the first British-trained horse to take part in the Melbourne Cup, the famous £1 million race which brings Australia to a standstill on November 2.

Trained by Lord Huntingdon, who has had two spells working in Australian racing, Drum Taps could hardly be a better candidate for such a mission. The winner of 14 of his 25 starts, he has tasted victory in the United States, Italy and Britain, and gone close in Ireland, France and Japan.

Few, if any, racehorses running in the world today can have completed so many air miles and enjoyed so much success. Not bad for a horse who looked more likely to die than run a race as a youngster, and who gave little indication of any talent before stepping onto a racecourse belatedly as a three-year-old.

Drum Taps, owned jointly for the first five years of his life by Will Farish and Lord Carnarvon, the Queen's racing manager, was almost skeletal as a two-year-old due to a severe bout of viral pneumonia. "At one time I didn't think he was going to live," Lord Carnarvon recalled yesterday.

When he first ran as a three-year-old in August 1989, he belied his lacklustre home work by finishing second and within two months had rattled up three victories. His owners decided on a US campaign and despite a comparative shortage of 12-furlong races, they were rewarded with four more successes, including two at stakes level. However, the long-striding style of Drum Taps was never really suited to the tight American tracks and he returned to Britain in mid-1991.

The glory days were about to begin. In between recording seven group triumphs, including the last two runnings of the Ascot Gold Cup, he was bought by Yoshio Asakawa, who will fly from Japan to Melbourne for his seven-year-old horse's latest venture.

The Melbourne Cup is the fourth richest open race in the world, but it has been effectively a non-starter for European-trained horses due to a shortage of exercise facilities for quarantined horses. Following a visit to Britain earlier this year by David Bourke and Les Benton, chairman and racing secretary of the Victoria Racing Club, the difficulties have been overcome to allow the latest advance in international racing.

When Drum Taps and Vintage Crop, the Dermot Weld-trained winner of the Irish St Leger, touch down in Melbourne tomorrow at 21.30 local time, they will be whisked off to Sandown racecourse, the newest of four Melbourne tracks, which is not in use at this time of year. A special quarantine facility has been built and the pair will be able to work in splendid isolation.

While a 30-hour flight is a tough test for human or horse, the design of an insect-free container means the horses can travel the eastern route, stopping at Frankfurt, Dubai and Hong Kong, rather than flying west via the US and Fiji, which takes ten hours longer.

Drum Taps, accompanied by his lad, Eddie Taylor, and Denis Coakley, assistant trainer to Lord Huntingdon, faces a tough task in the race, where he will be ridden by Frankie Dettori. The horse's globe-trotting success means he will share joint top weight of 9st 3lb in the two-mile handicap with last year's winner Sub Zero, Naturalism, runner-up in the Japan Cup, and Veandercross, the New Zealand horse who was second in the Caulfield and Melbourne Cups. Vintage Crop looks comparatively well treated on 8st 10lb.

Lord Huntingdon hopes if all goes to plan their pathfinding exploits will not only make the Melbourne Cup the ultimate target for staying horses around the world, but also encourage owners to keep stayers in training.

"They are both creating history. Obviously things have got to go better for us than the Australian horses. There is more chance of a hiccup for us," he said.

"The great thing about Drum Taps is that he has run on extremes of going and is suited by a fast-run race, which he is likely to get in Melbourne.

"If we can prove it is possible to do it, the Melbourne Cup could become the equivalent of the Breeders' Cup and Japan Cup for the staying horse and offer further encouragement for stayers to remain in training.

"Both Mr Asakawa and Dr Smurfit [owner of Vintage Crop] are very sporting to welcome the challenge. It is an expensive journey and not as easy as the Japan Cup where the trip is paid for."

The historic mission is underway. Now the dreaming can begin. As Australia contemplates becoming a republic, the chance of a Melbourne Cup winner trained by a Pommie peer, who handles horses for the Queen, is something to savour.

But, for once, the result is less important than taking part. The world of racing will be a shade richer thanks to Drum Taps and Vintage Crop going down under for the Cup.

HUGH ROUTLEDGE



Drum Taps, winning the Henry II Stakes at Sandown Park, faces his toughest test in the Melbourne Cup

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: EFIZIA
(2.00 Leicester)
Next best: Nahar
(3.10 Fontwell Park)

Sane approach required to yearling sales

In the same way that racing and betting are two separate but interdependent industries, so it is with the racing and breeding industries. They are two individual entities whose fortunes are integrated.

Consequently, recent advances on the racing front — increased prize-money and VAT relief on purchase and training costs — should have prompted a small increase in the price of yearlings.

What we have seen, however, is an explosion in values. Breeders, in the short-term, will have plenty to celebrate, but it is highly unlikely that these gains can be sustained. We have passed from deep recession to buoyant trading without the necessary process of gradual recovery.

That is why the last major domestic yearling auction, which starts at Tattersalls in Newmarket tomorrow, is crucial for the long-term health of the breeding, and therefore racing, communities. The October sale is where the majority of British breeders sell their stock.

Any dramatic escalation in values will leave them cash-rich, and therefore more likely to pay increased breeding fees next year. It was this cyclical process which brought the two industries to their knees in recent years.

Admittedly, the yearling auctions thus far have involved the best-bred stock. This is the domain of high-rolling buyers like the Maktoum family from Dubai, who have returned to the British auction ring with a vengeance. Nevertheless, the brothers' spending has left many buyers unable to fill their requirements. They will be out in force this week.

Given large increases at the October sale, stallion owners will find it hard to resist increasing their asking prices. That would be a step in the wrong direction. The principal charge of wrong-doing lies in the resultant slimmer profit margin for breeders using those stallions. The point to remember is that breeding a horse for sale as a yearling is a three-year cycle. A breeder paying to mate his mare early next year will sell the progeny in late 1997.

It is impossible to forecast the state of the yearling market in 1997. Breeders have only just emerged from the dark tunnel of plummeting prices: it would be unrealistic for them to expect profitability if they immediately entered a period of rising stallion fees.

Should yearling prices climb uninhibited through to 1997, we would again reach the absurd situation of the mid 1980s, when racehorses with huge stallion values became too precious to risk on the racetrack.

Those days were damaging to racing's image. A steady but unspectacular October sale would prevent the racing and breeding industries from setting down that rocky path.

JULIAN MUSCAT



Racing commentary

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THUNDERER

2.00 Jungle Knife
2.30 Simaat
3.00 MEMORABLE (nap)
3.30 Savoy Truffle
4.00 Blaazing Joe
4.30 Athene
5.00 Eye Witness

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.00 Misty Silks. 3.30 MARROS MILL (nap). 4.00 Pavaka.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.00 EFIZIA.

GOING: HEAVY   DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE   SIS

2.00 BADGER LIMITED STAKES (£3,340: 1m 8yd) (11 runners)

1 (6) 5/01-2 JUNGLE KNIFE 161J (D,G,S) (N Cook) M Tompkins 7-9-4 P Robinson 84
2 (7) 225012 LAWNSWOOD JUNIOR 6 (D,F,G,S) (G Tregloan) J Spearing 6-9-4 G Hind 86
3 (9) 005530 SUSANNA'S SECRET 53 (F,S) (D Emery) J Harris 6-9-4 D Holland 88
4 (10) 00/60- SWING LUCKY 584 (D,G,S) (R Skeggs) K Ivory 8-9-4 M Wigham –
5 (4) 002125 BACKSTABBER 122 (D,BF,G) (K Baker) Miss G Kelleway 3-9-0 J Reid 70
6 (3) 055001 SECOND CHANCE 6 (D,F,S) (Down and Outs Racing) P Mitchell 3 9-0 W Newnes 90
7 (5) 0-1350 SOAKING 11 (F) (K Higson) G Moore 3-9-0 B Rouse 83
8 (1) 6-0550 MARIETTE LARKIN 142 (M Spore) G Ellison 4-8-13 M Wood 62
9 (11) -44456 CHAPKA 6 (B) (P McBean) W Ham 3-8-9 W Ryan 92
10 (2) 111401 EFIZIA 6 (F,S) (Mrs H Catzini) Mrs M Reveley 3-8-9 K Darley [illegible]
11 (8) 042121 MISTY SILKS 7 (CD,G,S) (P Aven) M Ryan 3-8-9 D Biggs 92

BETTING: 11-4 Efizia, 4-1 Second Chance, 5-1 Misty Silks, 6-1 Lawnswood Junior, 8-1 Jungle Knife, 10-1 Soaking, 12-1 Chapka, 16-1 others.

1992: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

JUNGLE KNIFE 4l 2nd of 9 to Leif The Lucky in handicap at Carlisle (1m, heavy). LAWNSWOOD JUNIOR beat Silver Groom neck in 17-runner handicap at Salisbury (1m, soft) on penultimate start. BACKSTABBER 4½l 5th of 16 to Rocky Bay in selling handicap at Southwell (AW, 1m). SECOND CHANCE beat LAWNSWOOD JUNIOR (same terms) 2l in 12-runner conditions race at Warwick (1m, heavy) with CHAPKA (same terms) 20l 6th. EFIZIA beat Media Messenger ¾l in 15-runner handicap at Redcar (1m 1f, good to soft). MISTY SILKS beat Harpoon Louie neck in 16-runner handicap at Pontefract (1m, soft).
Selection: SECOND CHANCE

2.30 DORMOUSE APPRENTICE MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,679: 7f 9yd) (17 runners)

1 (12) 0-0 BUNDERBURG 14 (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 9-0 Kate Dovey (7) –
2 (9) 6 GENERAL BUNCHING 21 (Miss V Markowiak) R Flower 9-0 Michael Denaro –
3 (2) 560000 KINTWYN 28 (Mrs F Bacon) D Lang 9-0 S Drowne 82
4 (5) 550600 OSCAR THE SECOND 6 (H) (Dev Prod Ltd) T Fairhurst 9-0 G Parkin (3) 74
5 (1) 0 PALACE OF GOLD 181 (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 9-0 J D Smith –
6 (13) 05 RAVE-ON-HADLEY 20 (K Higson) A Bailey 9-0 W Hollick (7) 80
7 (17) 055433 APACHE MYTH 7 (L Ward) R Hannon 8-9 D O'Neill (5) 94
8 (15) 00 COOL ETOILE 14 (Mrs V Bigg) R Hollinshead 8-9 A Eddery (7) –
9 (14) ELEANORDEMONTFORT (Mrs J Blindell) T Naughton 8-9 T Ashley (5) –
10 (16) 0 FAVLIENT 20 (A Snipe) M Leach 8-9 L Aspell (5) –
11 (11) -00006 GREY WATCH 89 (The Hammond Partnership) P Howling 8-9 Debbie Biggs (5) –
12 (7) 46 MISS CHARLIE 20 (A Bennett) A Bailey 8-9 W Hawksley (7) 91
13 (4) 0- SAGA BLUE 453 (Miss H Evans) A Hide 8-9 N Varley –
14 (8) 303500 SAXON MAGIC 21 (B) (P Bennett) J Bennett 8-9 Claire Balding 80
15 (6) 53 SIMAAT 114 (BF) (H Al-Maktoum) J Gosden 8-9 P McCabe [illegible]
16 (3) 5000 SWEETWATER MOON 111 (G Swinbank) Mrs A Swinbank 8-9 Carol Davison (7) 65
17 (10) WILBURY WONDER (Mrs C Morse) R Brotherton 8-9 C Hawksley –

BETTING: 5-2 Simaat, 3-1 Apache Myth, 4-1 Miss Charlie, 8-1 Rave-On-Hadley, 10-1 Saxon Magic, 12-1 Bunderburg, Kintwyn, 14-1 others.

1992: PIPPIN PARK 3-8-2 Antoinette Armes (6-1) H Candy 16 ran

FORM FOCUS

KINTWYN 4¾l 7th of 21 to Ricky's Tornado in claimer at Leicester (6f, good to soft). PALACE OF GOLD 20½l 9th of 13 to Commander in Chief in maiden at Newmarket (1m 2f, good). APACHE MYTH 1¾l 3rd of 16 to Finjan in apprentices' claimer at Warwick (6f, soft). MISS CHARLIE 3½l 4th of 7 to Lamsonetti in maiden at Ayr (7f, good) on penultimate start. SAXON MAGIC 14½l 6th of 15 to Dancing Diamond in claimer at Folkestone (1m 1f 149yd, good). SIMAAT 9½l 3rd of 4 to Taj Singh in maiden at Redcar (1m, firm).
Selection: APACHE MYTH

3.00 STOAT SELLING STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,721: 1m 1f 218yd) (19 runners)

1 (6) 120005 LAUREL ROMEO 6 (B,F) (Laurel (Leisure) Limited) J Berry 9-1 W Ryan 88
2 (2) 00 CLASSIC MELODY 19 (Mrs V Maunders) R Hoad 8-11 R Perham –
3 (5) 0240 COMEONUP 20 (D Roberts) R Hannon 8-11 A McGlone 87
4 (17) 0043 MEMORABLE 20 (P Savill) M Tompkins 8-11 K Darley [illegible]
5 (9) 405440 NOORAN 7 (B) (B Kilsby) J Berry 8-11 J Carroll 81
6 (4) 30004 SWORDSMANSHIP 7 (B) (J FitzRoy Newdegate) M Prescott 8-11 G Duffield 88
7 (19) 504063 WADDLE 19 (J Bull) M Tompkins 8-11 S Mulvey (7) 83
8 (11) 305340 WINGS AHEAD 14 (Mrs M Morley) T Fairhurst 8-11 N Connorton 85
9 (15) 020156 FOREVER BLUSHING 19 (F) (Miss M Bryant) P Butler 8-10 J Reid 94
10 (14) 5005 CRUISING CHICK 75 (Mrs A Norton) S Norton 8-6 D Pears (3) 77
11 (16) 043 DEER IN THE GLEN 14 (S Dinsmore) P Haslam 8-6 J Weaver 93
12 (12) 623500 MISS FREEBIE 34 (D Gibbons) R Whitaker 8-6 A Culhane 87
13 (13) 000 MY SONG OF SONGS 19 (A Brown) R Hoad 8-6 J Quinn –
14 (8) 504043 OLYMPIC BID 14 (Manchester Evening News Ltd) J Berry 8-6 A Munro 93
15 (7) 233050 RITA'S JOY 14 (Mrs A Croft) W Turner 8-6 T Sprake 95
16 (3) 354004 ROSE OF GLENN 19 (Mrs M Palling) B Palling 8-6 D Holland 89
17 (1) 560000 SEMAH'S DREAM 8 (J Hanes) A Hambly 8-6 J O'Reilly 75
18 (10) 06005 SPORTING STORY 6 (Sporting Partners) M Usher 8-6 R Price 85
19 (18) 432000 WILLWIN 11 (P Caplan) J Harris 8-6 T Williams 69

BETTING: 7-2 Memorable, 4-1 Deer In The Glen, 9-2 Olympic Bid, 5-1 Laurel Romeo, 8-1 Swordsmanship, Waddle, 12-1 Rose of Glenn, 14-1 others.

1992: TREPIDATION 2-8-11 L Dettori (10-1) M Fetherston-Godley

FORM FOCUS

LAUREL ROMEO 4¾l 5th of 29 to Beneficiary in claimer at Redcar (7f, good to soft) with SEMAH'S DREAM (same terms) 6l 11th. MEMORABLE 1¾l 3rd of 20 to Stradishall in handicap at Nottingham (1m 2f, heavy) with COMEONUP 23l 8th and SEMAH'S DREAM 13l 14th. SWORDSMANSHIP 4l 4th of 22 to Shoofk in handicap at Warwick (1m, soft) with NOORAN (3lb worse off) 10l 9th. WADDLE 2¾l 3rd of 15 to Candi Oas in claimer at Brighton (7f, good to firm) with ROSE OF GLENN (5lb worse off) 1¾l 4th, FOREVER BLUSHING (4lb worse off) 4¾l 6th. MY SONG OF SONGS (3lb worse off) ¾l 9th and CLASSIC MELODY failed off 15th. FOREVER BLUSHING beat COMEONUP (3lb better off) short-head in 12-runner seller at Folkestone (7f, good to firm) with SPORTING STORY (3lb better off) 3l 6th, ROSE OF GLENN 10th and SEMAH'S DREAM 11th. OLYMPIC BID 4¾l 3rd of 16 to Make A Note in handicap at Hamilton (1m 65yd, good) with WINGS AHEAD (9lb worse off) 3½l 8th.
Selection: WADDLE

3.30 RABBIT HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £5,089: 1m 3f 183yd) (9 runners)

1 (3) 321 ELATIS 20 (D,S) (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 9-7 M Roberts 90
2 (6) 31405 SAVOY TRUFFLE 17 (G) (L Marinopoulos) H Cecil 9-4 W Ryan 98
3 (4) 354203 MARROS MILL 17 (V,D,G,S) (A Simpson) M Bell 9-0 Pat Eddery 98
4 (9) 341000 HARD TASK 10 (B,D,G) (J Rowles) R Johnson Houghton 8-13 J Carroll [illegible]
5 (8) 410261 WARM SPELL 6 (C,D,G,S) (K Higson) R Simpson 8-13 (5ex) B Rouse 98
6 (2) 410110 DORAZINE 20 (F,G,S) (C Hill) C Hill 8-10 D Wright (5) 97
7 (7) 441004 MIDYAN BLUE 17 (BF,G) (K Palmer) J Eustace 8-10 L Dettori 98
8 (1) 023241 DIPLOMATIST 6 (D,S) (Mrs S Page) W Jarvis 8-8 J Reid 94
9 (5) 121100 CIVIL LAW 38 (D,F,G) (Mrs B Facchino) R Hollinshead 8-3 K Darley 97

BETTING: 3-1 Elatis, 5-1 Marros Mill, Warm Spell, Diplomatist, 6-1 Savoy Truffle, Midyan Blue, 15-2 Dorazine, 10-1 Hard Task, 14-1 Civil Law.

1992: PENNINE STAR 4-8-11 L Dettori (16-1) C C Elsey 22 ran

FORM FOCUS

ELATIS beat Purple Splash 1½l in 19-runner maiden at Kempton (1m 4f, soft). MARROS MILL 1l 3rd of 9 to Much Sought After in handicap at Haydock (1m 4f, good to soft) with MIDYAN BLUE (1lb better off) 1l 4th and SAVOY TRUFFLE (2lb better off) ¾l 5th. HARD TASK best recent effort when beating Jubran 6l in 15-runner handicap at Ripon (1m 4f, good). WARM SPELL beat Jolis Absent head in 13-runner handicap at Folkestone (1m 4f, soft). DORAZINE beat Wannabe 2½l in 6-runner handicap at Sandown (1m, soft). DIPLOMATIST beat Vaigly Sunthyme 3½l in 9-runner apprentices' maiden at Folkestone (1m 4f, heavy). CIVIL LAW best recent effort when beating Tyiram ½l in 6-runner claimer at Pontefract (1m 4f, good to firm).
Selection: HARD TASK

4.00 HEDGEHOG CONDITIONS STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,625: 1m 1f 218yd) (6 runners)

1 (5) 24121 MAKE A NOTE 14 (F,G) (P Savill) R Hannon 9-3 K Darley 96
2 (4) 01 ALASKAN HEIR 25 (S) (N Bowyer) D Murray Smith 9-1 C Rutter 78
3 (6) 01 BLAAZING JOE 14 (D,G) (Mrs L Gardiner) P Cole 9-1 T Quinn 96
4 (3) 132 PAVAKA 25 (V,G) (M Worth) D Loder 8-11 L Dettori 91
5 (1) 05 TRANS SIBERIA 25 (H Laska) S Woods 8-11 W Woods 70
6 (2) 24222 ZUBOON 14 (BF) (H Al-Maktoum) J Dunlop 8-11 W Carson [illegible]

BETTING: 5-2 Zuboon, 11-4 Blaazing Joe, 3-1 Make A Note, 4-1 Pavaka, 10-1 Alaskan Heir, 16-1 Trans Siberia.

1992: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

MAKE A NOTE beat Glenlyon Duchess 1½l in handicap at Hamilton (1m 65yd, good). ALASKAN HEIR beat Aeroking neck in maiden at Lingfield (7f 140yd, soft). BLAAZING JOE beat ZUBOON (4lb better off) a neck in maiden at Bath (1m 2f 46yd, good). PAVAKA ½l 2nd of 9 to Benfleet in handicap at Yarmouth (1m, good to soft). TRANS SIBERIA 12l 5th to Florid in maiden at Yarmouth (1m, good to soft).
Selection: MAKE A NOTE (nap)

4.30 HARE MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (2-Y-O: £4,488: 7f 9yd) (17 runners)

1 (13) ARAFEL (J Mountain) C James 8-11 W Newnes –
2 (6) 52 ASDAF 65 (H Al-Maktoum) P Walwyn 8-11 W Carson 93
3 (14) ATHENE (Lord Weinstock) R Charlton 8-11 Pat Eddery –
4 (2) 023 BRENTWOOD 63 (Sheikh Essa Bin Mubarak) R Hannon 8-11 K Darley 97
5 (4) 00 CHANTELYS 6 (D Bell) M Ryan 8-11 D Biggs 75
6 (17) LAVITA (A Snipe) M Leach 8-11 J Lowe –
7 (8) 0 MARJAN 54 (Mrs M Clayton) R Hollinshead 8-11 W Ryan –
8 (16) 3 MATHANDAN 44 (G Button) B Palling 8-11 D Holland 82
9 (5) 00 MAZ 9 (Mrs M O'Donnell) A Bailey 8-11 A. Mackay 70
10 (9) MWAARED (H Al-Maktoum) W Hern 8-11 R Hills –
11 (1) 00 PAB'S CHOICE 21 (C Papaloannou) M McCormack 8-11 M Birch –
12 (12) 04 PEVERIL PRINCESS 12 (Mrs E Haycock) G Balding 8-11 J Williams 72
13 (7) 0 RAZINAH 53 (Hamdan Al-Maktoum) P Walwyn 8-11 T Quinn –
14 (3) 0 RED BOUQUET 6 (Cheveley Park Stud) M Prescott 8-11 G Duffield –
15 (15) 044 SHALBOURNE 62 (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 8-11 J Reid [illegible]
16 (11) 60 SHIFTING MIST 6 (Mrs C Philipson) M Prescott 8-11 G Duffield 76
17 (10) 040 WILKS DREAM 158 (R Wilkins) W Turner 8-11 T Sprake 62

BETTING: 7-2 Athene, 5-1 Asdaf, 6-1 Brentwood, 13-2 Mwaared, Shalbourne, 7-1 Razinah, 10-1 Mathandan, 16-1 Shifting Mist, 25-1 Red Bouquet, 33-1 others.

1992: RAPID REPEAT 2-8-11 Paul Eddery (13-8 fav) Mrs J Cecil 17 ran

FORM FOCUS

ASDAF 10l 2nd to Mehtaaf in maiden at Haydock (6f, good to soft). BRENTWOOD 5l 3rd to Ballerina in maiden over course and distance (good to firm). MARJAN 10l 8th to Palacegate Jack in maiden at Carlisle (5f, good to firm). MATHANDAN 5½l 3rd to Strumpet City in maiden at Windsor (6f, good to firm). SHALBOURNE 2¾l 4th to Ehtfaal in maiden at Bath (5f, good to firm). ATHENE (foaled Mar 18) half-sister by Rousillon to useful 1m2f-2m winner Gay Glint. MWAARED (Mar 6) half-sister by Unfuwain to 7f winner Sarlah.
Selection: SHALBOURNE

5.00 SHELDUCK FILLIES HANDICAP (£3,866: 1m 8yd) (19 runners)

1 (10) 05294 EYE WITNESS 103 (BF) (F Salman) P Cole 3-9-10 A Munro 95
2 (16) 300046 STOPROVERITATE 2 (D,G,S) (J Clark) S Norton 4-9-5 N Connorton 96
3 (19) 024063 ON Y VA 7 (G,S) (Marriott Stables Limited) R Williams 6-9 5 Sarah Thompson (7) 93
4 (11) 123562 MRS DAWSON 65J (CD,F) (Southwell Racing Limited) A Hambly 3-9-4 Pat Eddery 91
5 (4) 660050 BERNSTEIN BETTE 20 (C,BF,F,G,S) (J Ford) P Felgate 7-9-4 W Ryan 97
6 (2) 115250 MAY HILLS LEGACY 16 (G,S) (Exors of Mrs G Williams) D Arbuthnot 4-9-3 T Quinn 98
7 (12) 258043 SCOTTISH PARK 61 (F) (D Emery) J Harris 4-9-3 D Holland 92
8 (1) 224515 CLAIRIFICATION 7 (B,D,S) (Mrs S Hallam) J Wharton 3-8-8 J Quinn 96
9 (8) 102060 PRINCESS OF ORANGE 17 (D,S) (D McDuffie) W Brisbourne 4-8-7 N Carlisle 96
10 (9) 354000 AKHLAK 12 (H Al-Maktoum) P Walwyn 3-8-5 W Carson 95
11 (14) -46500 AFFA 30 (G Oliver) T Thomson Jones 4-8-4 K Darley [illegible]
12 (15) 6250-0 ACE REPORTER 196J (G Alessi) J Wainwright 4-8-2 J Fanning 91
13 (7) 005360 FLYING WIND 21 (BF) (K Higson) G Moore 4-8-1 B Rouse 93
14 (5) 00000 LANZAMAR 114 (R Coombes) R Phillips 3-8-0 P Robinson 91
15 (3) 0400 PEA FORTY FIVE 20 (A Putland) K Morgan 3-7-13 T Williams –
16 (13) 504140 SLUMBER THYME 49 (D,G) (Mrs P Spicer) R Spicer 4-7-12 M Baird (7) 92
17 (17) 603055 MISS OFFIE 23 (Mrs A Wood) R Hollinshead 3-7-10 A Garth (5) 94
18 (18) 061300 BIDWEAYA 17 (D,F,G) (J Slaney) J Eyre 6-7-7 N Adams 95
19 (6) 60000- URSHI-JADE 271J (G Roberts) K White 5-7-7 D Wright (5) –

Long handicap: Urshi-Jade 7-5

BETTING: 7-1 Eye Witness, 8-1 Clairification, 10-1 On Y Va, May Hills Legacy, Affa, 12-1 Stoproveritate, Bernstein Bette, Princess Of Orange, Flying Wind, 14-1 Scottish Park, 16-1 Mrs Dawson, Akhlak, 20-1 others.

1992: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

EYE WITNESS 8¾l 4th to Hatham Tan in maiden at Epsom (1m 2f, firm). STOPROVERITATE 7¾l 4th to Drummer Hicks in handicap at York (1m 1f, heavy). ON Y VA 3¾l 3rd to Proud Brigadier in conditions race at Warwick (7f, soft). MRS DAWSON ¾l 2nd to Missy-S at Nottingham (1m, good to firm). BERNSTEIN BETTE 8l 8th to Pasty Grimes in handicap at Nottingham (6f, heavy) with PEA FORTY FIVE 13l 16th. SCOTTISH PEAK 4½l 3rd to Battle Colours in claimer at Beverley (1m 110yd, good to firm). CLAIRIFICATION beat Kalokagathos neck in handicap at Yarmouth (1m, good to soft) on penultimate start.
Selection: BERNSTEIN BETTE

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
J Gosden	20	72	27.8	J Weaver	5	26	19.2
H Cecil	22	94	23.4	W Carson	30	171	17.5
R Charlton	4	24	16.7	L Dettori	25	151	16.6
R J Houghton	7	46	15.2	R Hills	12	83	14.5
J Berry	11	75	14.7	Pat Eddery	20	121	16.5
P Walwyn	7	48	14.6	T Quinn	19	140	13.6

SATURDAY'S RESULTS

York

Going: heavy

2.15 (1m 205yd) 1, Drummer Hicks (L Dettori, 12-1); 2, Fox Sparrow (13-2); 3, Beverly Knight (16-1); 4, Stoproveritate (16-1). Coltrane 11-4 fav. 18 ran. NR: Glowing Path, Shafford. Sh hd, 5l. E Weymes. Tote: £14.80; £3.00, £1.60, £6.10, £3.40. DF: £31.90. Trio: £878.60. CSF: £84.01. Tricast: £1,167.39. After a stewards' enquiry, result stood.

2.45 (6f) 1, Palacegate Jack (J Carroll, 11-4); 2, Nightitude (12-1); 3, Ehtfaal (100-30). Mazentre Forward 5-6 fav. 4 ran. ½l, 5l. J Berry. Tote: £2.90. DF: £12.20. CSF: £20.06.

3.15 (6f) 1, Benzoe (T Lucas, 12-1); 2, Jigsaw Boy (8-1 jt-fav); 3, Nordan Raider (8-1 jt-fav); 4, Born To Be (25-1). 23 ran. 5l, 1½l. M W Easterby. Tote: £18.40; £3.60, £2.20, £2.10, £8.10. DF: £48.20. Trio: £142.30. CSF: £101.13. Tricast: £763.32.

3.45 (6f 214yd) 1, Our Rita (D Holland, 9-2 fav); 2, Pusey Street Boy (16-1); 3, Northern Chief (16-1); 4, Palacegate Gold (25-1). 25 ran. 1l, hd. J Scargill. Tote: £4.10; £1.10, £3.60, £7.90, £10.00. DF: £36.30. Trio: £224.30. CSF: £73.83. Tricast: £1,002.15.

4.15 (1m 3f 195yd) 1, Mashaallah (L Dettori, 5-4); 2, Peter Quince (4-5 fav); 3, Lunar Risk (20-1). 3 ran. 1l, dist. J Gosden. Tote: £2.10. DF: £1.10. CSF: £2.38.

4.45 (7f 202yd) 1, Silver Hut (Pat Eddery, 13-8 fav); 2, Microlite (3-1); 3, Azhaar (5-2). 6 ran. ½l, 1l. R Charlton. Tote: £2.20; £1.40, £2.00. DF: £2.70. CSF: £6.83.

5.15 (6f 214yd) 1, Wafayt (L Dettori, 10-11 fav); 2, Nizaal (11-8); 3, Kingswood Leader (9-1). 4 ran. 6l, 1½l. J Gosden. Tote: £1.70. DF: £1.30. CSF: £2.47.

Jackpot: not won (pool of £14,813.92 carried forward to Newmarket on Thursday).

Placepot: £440.70.

Ayr

2.10 1, Tarda (7-2); 2, Great Max (3-1); 3, Thistle Princess (6-1). Imperial Bid 5-2 fav. 13 ran.

2.40 1, Astrac Trio (4-1); 2, Sharp Sensation (9-2); 3, Blue Radiance (14-1). Kiss In The Dark 11-10 fav. 7 ran.

3.10 1, Brackenfield (1-4 fav); 2, Dromina Star (50-1); 3, Scottish Gold (4-1). 6 ran.

3.40 1, Johns The Boy (12-1); 2, Ali's Alibi (7-4 fav); 3, Political Tower (33-1). 11 ran.

4.15 1, Pinemartin (5-1); 2, Deep Dawn (12-1). Boarding School 8-11 fav. 4 ran.

4.50 1, Dawader (5-1); 2, Leading Prospect (15-2); 3, Deb's Ball (4-1). Chief Raider 15-8 fav. 6 ran.

Bangor

2.20 1, Sir Pageant (11-2); 2, Maureen's Fancy (5-1); 3, Riddlemeroo (25-1). Major Kinsman 11-8 fav. 7 ran.

2.50 1, Clay County (5-6 fav); 2, Altaal (11-10); 3, Orchipedzo (20-1). 3 ran.

3.20 1, Seymore (7-4 fav); 2, Flowing River (3-1); 3, Eastern Magic (11-2). 6 ran.

3.50 1, Mossy Fern (9-4); 2, Camelot Knight (Evens fav); 3, Whats The Crack (5-1). 5 ran.

4.20 1, Beachy Head (Evens fav); 2, Miss Shaw (14-1); 3, Boll Weevil (7-2). 6 ran.

4.55 1, Wordsmith (11-8 fav); 2, Pyrrhic Dance (11-1); 3, Demilune (5-1). 12 ran.

5.25 1, Le Ginno (2-1); 2, Gales Cavalier (9-1); 3, Topping Tom (15-8 fav). 15 ran.

Worcester

2.25 1, Homile (11-1); 2, Full Shilling (12-1); 3, At Peace (7-1); 4, Ruths Pride (12-1). Hats High 6-1 fav. 18 ran. NR: Trendy Auctioneer.

2.55 1, Panto Prince (3-1); 2, Musthaveaswig (2-1 fav); 3, Slippery Max (20-1). 5 ran. NR: Wick Pound.

3.25 1, Midfielder (10-1); 2, Ridwan (16-1); 3, James The First (7-2). Desperate 11-4 fav. 9 ran.

3.55 1, Howaryafxd (5-4 fav); 2, Taurus (9-1); 3, Generous Scot (25-1). 10 ran.

4.30 1, Trimlough (Evens fav); 2, Old Road (5-1); 3, Campsea-Ash (8-1). 4 ran.

5.00 1, Dance Partout (7-2); 2, Simply (9-4 fav); 3, The Bud Club (16-1). 10 ran.

□ Ken Russell, a leading Australian jockey, died on Saturday through head injuries suffered when he fell during a race at Rosehill, Sydney. Russell, 42, was taken to hospital after his horse, Tuig, fell, but died soon afterwards.

□ Pat Eddery was suspended for two days (October 18-19) by the stewards at York on Saturday following an adjourned enquiry into his use of the whip when winning on Lime Street Blues on Thursday.

CARLISLE

THUNDERER

2.20 General Chase. 2.50 Affair Of Honour. 3.20 Down The Road. 3.50 Chantry Bartle. 4.20 Charming Gale. 4.50 One For Luck.

GOING: GOOD   SIS

2.20 BLENCATHRA JUVENILE NOVICES HURDLE (3-Y-O: £1,718: 2m 1f) (10 runners)

1 1 GENERAL CHASE 13 (D,G) D Burchell 11-1 D J Burchell
2 CAROUSEL MAGIC 97F M Hammond 11-0 C Grant
3 CRIMINAL RECORD 48F W Clay 11-0 Diane Clay
4 DANCE FEVER 68F Jimmy FitzGerald 11-0 M Dwyer
5 5 HOT OFF THE PRESS 12 R Whitaker 11-0 R J Beggan
6 TTYFRAN 88F B Baugh 11-0 T Wall
7 5 GLINT OF AYR 51 R Goldie 10-9 K Johnson
8 MISS PIMPERNEL 101F J Birkett 10-9 L O'Hara
9 RED RONNIE 546F Mrs E Slack 10-9 B Storey
10 U SALLY OF THE ALLEY 23 Mrs S Smith 10-9 Gary Lyons

2-1 General Chase, 3-1 Criminal Record, 5-1 Dance Fever, Ttyfran, 7-1 others.

2.50 LANGDALE PIKE CLAIMING HURDLE (£1,719: 2m 4f 110yd) (12)

1 125- FIRM PRICE 154 (D,F,G,S) Mrs M Reveley 12-11-10 P Niven
2 /00P- AFFAIR OF HONOUR 177 (D,F,S) J O'Neill 5-11-6 M Dwyer
3 F-3F THE RAMBLING MAN 44 G Richards 6-11-6 N Doughty
4 -600 FAUGHAN LODGE 9 W Clay 6-11-3 Diane Clay
5 -400 AFRICAN SAFARI 10 (F) Mrs S Smith 9-11-0 D Towler (7)
6 53/ ELMSTEAD 674 J Glover 7-11-0 M Ahern
7 FOX TOWER W Reed 7-10-12 A Orkney
8 534/ WARWICK SUITE 926 (V,B,S) J Eyre 11-10-12 A Mulholland
9 2620 BURN BRIDGE 9 (V,D,BF,F,S) T Caldwell 7-10-10 Peter Caldwell
10 28-0 DANCE OF WORDS 72 (F,S) J Johnson 4-10-10 A Maguire
11 00-0 GREY REALM 12 R Barr 5-10-9 N Smith
12 0-04 SPEEDY SIOUX 16 (B,G) S Chadwick 4-10-4 F Perratt (7)

11-8 Dance Of Words, 3-1 Firm Price, 11-2 Affair Of Honour, 8-1 others.

3.20 OLD MAN OF CONISTON NOVICES CHASE (£2,872: 3m) (6)

1 3F3-1 DOWN THE ROAD 12 (F) J Johnson 6-11-7 A Maguire
2 0/R2- IRISH GENT 320 (F) P Cheesbrough 7-11-0 C Grant
3 3324 SECOND ATTEMPT 9 B Mactaggart 9-11-0 A Merrigan
4 3-P3 THE WALTZING MOUSE 9 (G) L Lungo 10-11-0 F Perratt (7)
5 0P-2 VELEDA II 9 (F) (BF) Mrs S Bramall 6-11-0 J Burke (7)
6 3 STAIGUE FORT 12 Denys Smith 5-10-11 P Waggott (5)

7-4 Down The Road, 3-1 Veleda II, 4-1 Irish Gent, 6-1 others.

3.50 HELVELLYN HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,049: 2m 1f) (5)

1 /0-2 TAROUDANT 9 (BF,G) Mrs M Reveley 6-12-0 P Niven
2 132- CHANTRY BARTLE 24F (CD,F,G,S) C Thornton 7-11-2 D Wilkinson
3 025- MAKE ME PROUD 168 (V,CD,F) W Bentley 4-10-5 S Taylor (7)
4 /4F3- JEFFERBY 319 (G) J Glover 6-10-1 M Ahern
5 500- A GENTLEMAN TWO 7F (CD,G) J Eyre 7-10-0 A Maguire

Evens Taroudant, 2-1 Chantry Bartle, 5-1 Make Me Proud, 7-1 others.

4.20 SCAFELL HANDICAP CHASE (£3,143: 2m 4f 110yd) (4)

1 1U4- CORNET 14F (V,C,D,F,G,S) Denys Smith 7-12-0 P Waggott (5)
2 1332 CHARMING GALE 16 (C,D,F,G,S) Mrs S Bradburne 6-10-0 P Williams (5)
3 132-5 SIR PETER LELY 10 (F,G,S) M Hammond 6-10-0 C Grant
4 U-0F WHEELIES NEWMEMBER 10 (D,F) Mrs A Hamilton 10-10-0 K Johnson

4-5 Charming Gale, 2-1 Cornet, 5-1 Sir Peter Lely, 20-1 Wheelies Newmember.

4.50 SKIDDAW HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,124: 3m 110yd) (8)

1 31-1 MARRA'S ROSCOE 10 (D,G,S) Mrs M Reveley 7-12-0 P Niven
2 01-2 SHELTON ABBEY 10 (D,F,G,S) J Hellens 7-11-12 A Larnach (3)
3 P0-3 ONE FOR LUCK 42 (F) J O'Neill 5-10-13 M Dwyer
4 /33- COUNTORUS 133 (D,G) J Johnson 7-10-12 A Maguire
5 11F6- JOCK'S BURN 336 (G) G Richards 7-10-8 N Leach (7)
6 FPF- INVERNATE 220 (C,F,S) L Lungo 8-10-5 Mr C Ewart
7 0-13 HUMANBY GAP 16 (G) P Beaumont 8-10-1 C Hawkins
8 4-35 IT'S A PRY 18 (G,S) Mrs E Moscrop 12-10-0 K Johnson

3-1 Marra's Roscoe, 7-2 Shelton Abbey, 5-1 One For Luck, 11-2 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: W Bentley, 4 winners from 11 runners, 36.4%; C Thornton, 3 from 9, 33.3%; Mrs M Reveley, 14 from 50, 28.0%; Jimmy FitzGerald, 5 from 21, 23.8%; S Chadwick, 4 from 17, 23.5%.

JOCKEYS: P Niven, 25 from 91, 27.5%; N Doughty, 23 from 93, 24.7%; M Dwyer, 15 from 75, 20.0%; P Williams, 4 from 26, 15.4%; B Storey, 21 from 151, 13.9%; A Larnach, 3 from 27, 11.1%.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Leicester: 2.00 Chapka. 2.30 Oscar The Second, Saxon Magic. 3.00 Nooran. 3.30 Hard Task.

FONTWELL PARK

THUNDERER

2.10 October Brew. 2.40 Holtermann. 3.10 Fotoexpress. 3.40 Yellow Spring. 4.10 Pilgrims Way. 4.40 Gold Cap.

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT   SIS

2.10 SINGLETON JUVENILE SELLING HURDLE (3-Y-O: £1,534: 2m 2f) (11 runners)

1 12 OCTOBER BREW 13 (B,BF,S) M Pipe 11-4 R Dunwoody
2 6 DO BE WARE 7 J Ffitch-Heyes 10-12 A Thornton (3)
3 GALACTIC FURY 12F B Stevens 10-12 M Stevens (7)
4 02 MISTER BLAKE 16 (V) J Campbell 10-12 R Campbell
5 0 TOUCH SILVER 12 H Manners 10-12 M Bosley
6 WATER DIVINER 423F K Wingrove 10-12 J Ryan
7 23 LADY OF SHADOWS 24 S Dow 10-7 A Dicken (5)
8 OMIDJOY 56F J Jenkins 10-7 S Smith Eccles
9 PFAFF'S CELLAR 502F J Moore 10-7 A Charlton
10 32 SIAN WYN 40 K Burke 10-7 R Supple
11 530 SWIFT REVENGE 14 T Casey 10-7 Lorna Vincent

2-1 Mister Blake, 3-1 October Brew, 5-1 Lady Of Shadows, 6-1 others.

2.40 FRANK CUNDELL CHALLENGE TROPHY HANDICAP CHASE (£2,846: 2m 3f) (5)

1 310- AMARI KING 172 (F,G,S) T Forster 9-11-10 C Llewellyn
2 422/ HOLTERMANN 521 (F,G) Mrs L Richards 9-10-10 M Richards
3 13-5 KISU KALI 14 (C,F,G,S) J Ffitch-Heyes 6-10-6 J R Kavanagh
4 134- VODKA FIZZ 161 (C,F,S) J Gifford 8-10-4 D Murphy
5 5P3- GOLD SHAFT 133 (C,F,G) R Ledger 10-10-0 Mrs N Ledger

13-8 Vodka Fizz, 2-1 Amari King, 3-1 Kisu Kali, 9-2 Holtermann, 25-1 Gold Shaft.

3.10 SALMON SPRAY CHALLENGE TROPHY HANDICAP HURDLE (£3,574: 2m 2f) (8)

1 41/0/ PIPERS COPSE 888 (F,G,S) G Harwood 11-12-0 I Shoemark
2 112- MENEBUCK 182 (G) Lady Herries 7-11-7 E Murphy
3 /200- MAJOR INQUIRY 172 (F,G) J Gifford 7-11-5 D Murphy
4 4P1- WINGSPAN 182 (F,G,S) M Williams 9-11-1 N Mann
5 313- CHANGE THE ACT 184 (F,G,S) O Sherwood 8-10-11 J Osborne
6 10-2 FOTOEXPRESS 14 (G,S) R Rowe 5-10-10 L Dace (7)
7 5-32 NAHAR 11 (G) S Dow 8-10-10 H Davies
8 10-1 PONTOON BRIDGE 14 (CD,F,S) G Harwood 6-10-0 M Perrett

5-2 Fotoexpress, 4-1 Pontoon Bridge, 9-2 Menebuck, 6-1 Nahar, 13-2 Major Inquiry, 8-1 Change The Act, 12-1 Wingspan, 20-1 Pipers Copse.

3.40 HURLIMANN SWISS LAGER CHALLENGE TROPHY NOVICES CHASE (£2,154: 2m 3f) (9)

1 50-1 KALANSKI 7 (G,S) C Egerton 7-11-6 J Osborne
2 PP-P AS GOOD AS GOLD 23 (G) T Jones 7-11-2 J Railton
3 111- GANDOUGE GLEN 179 (F,G) J Gifford 6-11-2 D Murphy
4 613- YELLOW SPRING 208 (F,G,S) D Grissell 8-11-2 Peter Hobbs
5 0-20 GALLANT EFFORT 12 (G,S) S Dow 5-11-0 W McFarland
6 -536 CARNEYMOUNT 14 C Weedon 7-10-13 A Webb
7 /4 SMART DRESSER 7 Mrs L Jewell 8-10-13 J R Kavanagh
8 3/ THE GOLFING CURATE 914 R Rowe 8-10-13 H Davies
9 P- PATRUSKA 135 A Taylor 7-10-8 J Akehurst

7-4 Gandouge Glen, 5-2 Yellow Spring, 7-2 Kalanski, 8-1 others.

4.10 EBF TEDDINGTON CRICKET CLUB NOVICES HURDLE (£1,987: 2m 2f) (10)

1 32-12 BILLY BORU 30 (BF,F,S) R Simpson 5-11-5 D Gallagher
2 GLENCARRIG GALE D Grissell 5-11-0 J Railton
3 004- PILGRIMS WAY 151 J Gifford 5-11-0 D Murphy
4 0-U REG'S HOLLOA 11 J Upson 5-11-0 R Supple
5 RELATIVE OCTAVE P Hobbs 4-11-0 Peter Hobbs
6 23- RIVER LOSSIE 228 C Egerton 4-11-0 J Osborne
7 THE MINISTER R Champion 4-11-0 M A Fitzgerald
8 6P-6 TREASSOWE MARINER 12 G Moore 5-11-0 H Davies
9 0/P POLLY MINOR 40 G Enright 6-10-9 M Perrett
10 00/ PRINCESS HOTPOT 525 Miss H Knight 5-10-9 R Farrant (5)

2-1 Billy Boru, 5-2 Relative Octave, 4-1 Pilgrims Way, 8-1 others.

4.40 NORFOLK CHALLENGE CUP AMATEUR RIDERS HANDICAP CHASE (£2,183: 3m 2f 110yd) (5)

1 100- CYTHERE 177 (CD,S) J Gifford 9-12-0 T McCarthy (7)
2 14P- GOLD CAP 166 (CD,S) P Hobbs 8-11-13 G Lewis (7)
3 241- NO GRANDAD 174 (D,G,S) J Upson 9-11-7 T Byrne (7)
4 121- TAMMY'S FRIEND 133 (F,G) Mrs J Pitman 6-10-10 M Armytage
5 0-31 GLEBE PRINCE 14 (CD,F) R Rowe 13-10-0 J Durkan (3)

7-4 Glebe Prince, 3-1 Gold Cap, 100-30 Tammy's Friend, 9-2 No Grandad, 8-1 Cythere.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: Mrs J Pitman, 5 winners from 8 runners, 62.5%; G Harwood, 11 from 22, 50.0%; M Pipe, 29 from 81, 35.8%; Miss H Knight, 6 from 17, 35.3%; P Hobbs, 16 from 50, 32.0%.

JOCKEYS: S Smith Eccles, 11 wins from 36 rides, 30.6%; C Llewellyn, 3 from 12, 25.0%; M Perrett, 16 from 71, 22.5%; W McFarland, 6 from 27, 22.2%; Lorna Vincent, 3 from 14, 21.4%.

LEADERS ON THE FLAT

TRAINERS	1st	2nd	3rd	Runs since win	Level stake
R Hannon	161	156	136	3	-81.30
J Berry	127	114	93	1	-88.27
J Gosden	95	58	44	1	+68.36
H Cecil	88	59	55	12	-10.22
J Dunlop	84	70	61	3	-33.42
Mrs M Reveley	73	63	61	3	-89.24
M Johnston	67	82	58	9	-107.10
M Stoute	61	48	49	8	-64.52
P Cole	52	54	72	5	-154.47
M Prescott	51	41	31	6	-13.31
P Chapple-Hyam	49	32	20	6	-38.64

JOCKEYS	1st	2nd	3rd	Losing sequence	Level stake
Pat Eddery	153	123	75	0	-80.96
K Darley	135	125	101	3	-129.13
L Dettori	128	106	108	0	-34.36
T Quinn	110	104	97	11	-94.94
G Duffield	108	85	91	5	-84.16
W Carson	107	84	104	1	-156.43
M Roberts	101	85	106	4	-146.25
J Reid	96	99	63	8	-123.93
J Carroll	87	75	68	1	-89.28
W Ryan	86	78	72	2	-75.88
W R Swinburn	84	66	73	8	+8.01

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Holland to set De Wolf on the trail of Shearer



Rob Hughes tests the mood of the camps as England and Holland build up to the vital World Cup tie

THE importance of the World Cup qualifying match in Rotterdam on Wednesday can be seen, indeed felt, at the training camps of England, in the Berkshire countryside, and of Holland, in their hotel on the coast north of Amsterdam.

Yesterday, after a weekend of training, Ian Wright, the Arsenal striker, was passed fit. Today, before the squad sets foot on the plane to Holland, another of England's expected first-choice players, the captain, Stuart Pearce, will be asked by Graham Taylor and the team physician, Dr John Crane, to subject his injured limbs to stress coming as close to competitive level as the manager dares.

From that test — and notwithstanding Pearce's desire to play in a match likely to decide whether England reach the World Cup finals — the team shape will emerge.

Something similar has already taken place in Holland. Jan Wouters, the pragmatic and — as Paul Gascoigne can testify — tough and embattled midfield watchdog, was thought doubtful with a calf strain. Forget it. Dick



Shearer: determined

Advocaat, the Holland coach, mused, if Wouters has two limbs, he plays.

The "mental resolve", of Taylor's most used phrase, is shared by the two countries as the tensions build. In the England camp, the resolve emanates most strongly out of a single room. David Platt, who remains the leader, if not in name the captain, is sharing a room with Alan Shearer.

Platt, established ahead of all England's exports as a five-star competitor, impresses you the moment you walk into Bisham Abbey, where England train in relative seclusion. Platt, scoring with a scissor-kick in training, celebrates with a powerful back flip. The whole camp around him reverberates. Here is a player who will give every ounce of commitment if that is what it takes to win in the Feyenoord Stadium, where 45,000 of the 48,000 spectators will wear orange.

Platt, himself, is taken aback by the resolve of his room-mate. "Alan is the oldest 23-year-old I have ever met," Platt says. "This fellow knows where he is going on and off the pitch, and he wants to go to America with England so badly that you feel nothing will stop him."

Nothing? The Dutch are waiting for confirmation that Shearer, who remember spent nine months rehabilitating after his operation on the cruciate ligament of his knee, before announcing their defence. When they know for certain that Shearer is back, his marker will be Johnnie de Wolf. The bearded, mountainous defender of Feyenoord would then be preferred to the speedier Ulrich Van Gobbel, whose presence in the squad was intended to nullify the pace either of Les Ferdinand, who is definitely injured, or Wright, who played a full part in training yesterday.

Taylor says he believes he has enough experience to be able to tell if a player he chooses is fit to go the distance. At least he has the benefits of feeling "the togetherness" of his entire squad. Advocaat is only now emerging from a critical press similar to that which Taylor survived after the Norway debacle.

Advocaat had been called a little disciplinarian, and worse, for failing to persuade Ruud Gullit to lend his considerable presence to the Dutch cause. But in Holland as in England, the closer the contest draws, the tighter the collective will surrounding the manager. The Dutch are now becoming mean, combative with their own press, and all for one.

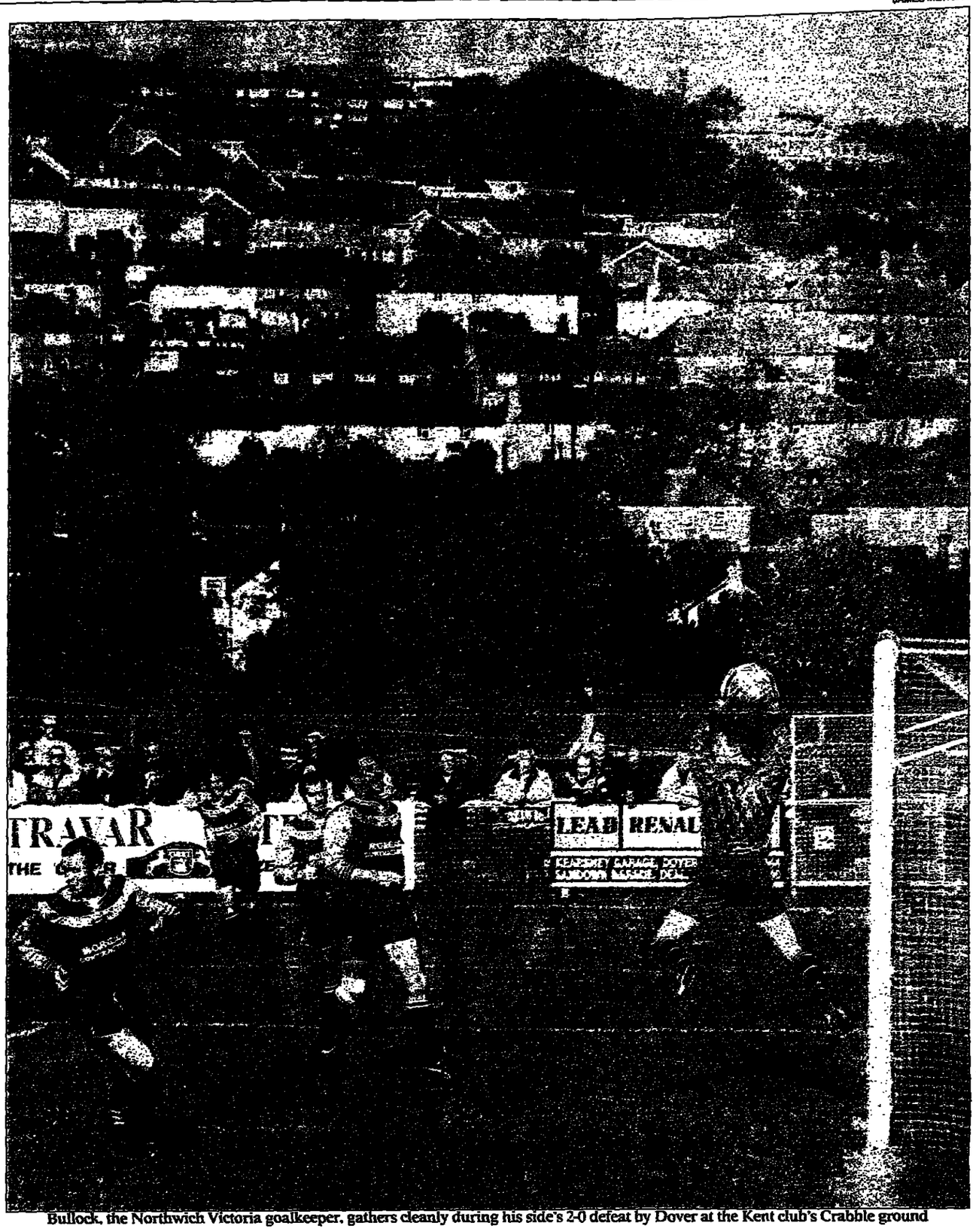
Advocaat and Taylor are now playing waiting games. But the Dutchman, knowing that defeat, or even a draw, would be effectively his last act in international management, will choose the final selection after conferring with his senior players, Wouters, Ronald Koeman and Frank Rijkaard. More than we realise, Wednesday will pit strength against strength, resolve against resolve.

Two of the expected England line-up show how much their players relish such a contest. Andy Sinton, who hopes to come into the team on the right side of midfield, said: "People suggest that I would be regarded as replacing Paul Gascoigne. That's unfair. He's a one-off, a magnificent talent, and whoever wears the shirt can't replace the talent. But I want to play, and if I do, I feel I will let no one down."

Standing beside him, Shearer has a black eye, a memento of "a very hard, very sweaty, and very enjoyable" cup-tie for his club Blackburn Rovers at Bournemouth last week. That bruising contest, he says, should put an end to the doubts about his match fitness. As to doubts of his own during the nine months after his knee operation, he says they were confined to a couple of weeks during which he tried to push his training day by day without apparent improvement.

At that time, indeed throughout his rehabilitation, Shearer had periodic calls from the England manager. They had agreed at the outset that the match he was most likely to return for was against Holland in Rotterdam. "Now it is close, it feels like another debut," Shearer said. "No one needs to tell any of our team how big this game is. If we don't get a point or two, there will be no World Cup."

JAMES MORGAN



Bullock, the Northwich Victoria goalkeeper, gathers cleanly during his side's 2-0 defeat by Dover at the Kent club's Crabble ground

Buoyant Dover turning the Kentish tide

David Powell finds the Conference leaders in the ascendant against Northwich Victoria

By the word of the district council, Dover's most memorable sporting occurrence happened 118 years ago. A bust overlooking the sea front stands as a reminder that Captain Matthew Webb, first to swim the Channel, set out from Dover in 1875.

Given the alternatives of sinking or swimming as a football town ten years ago, Dover nearly met the fate that befell Captain Webb in 1883; attempting to swim the rapids below Niagara Falls, he drowned. Semi-professional football in Dover would have gone under 100 years later had not John Husk, now the chairman of Dover Athletic, had the energy and money to throw a lifebelt.

When the Southern League club, Dover FC, went into liquidation in 1983, Husk sought out others who would help him form Dover Athletic. The first two seasons were spent near the foot of the Southern League southern division before the doggy paddle developed into a stroke. "We appointed Chris Kinnear as manager in 1985 and have never looked back," John Durrant, the secretary, said.

Beazer Homes League champions last season, Dover are leading the GM Vauxhall Conference. Defence has not always been a feature at Dover — as William the Conqueror discovered in 1066 when he razed the town after his away win at Hastings — but now it is, with only five goals conceded in nine league matches.

With a goal apiece against Northwich on Saturday, David Leworthy and Corey Browne remain among the Conference's top scorers. "I have got players with good attitudes and everybody gets on here. At the top of it is the council," Kinnear said. There speaks a former Maidstone player. With a helpful council, Kent might still have two Football League clubs.

There is a self-destruct button being passed around Kent's football clubs. Maidstone, after three seasons in the fourth division, went bust. Hythe Town, FA Vase semi-finalists, did the same. Dartford, who gave a home to Maidstone, are homeless themselves, the stricken Beazer Homes League club now newly formed as Kent League tiddlers.

"One of the main factors in Maidstone's downfall was that they could not get relocated in Maidstone," Keith Masters, the Kent County Football Association secretary, said. "We had the county town in the Football League playing 20 miles away and the local authority did not want them back."

At Dover things are different and you have only to listen to the chairman of Sittingbourne, Mick Fletcher, to realise how fortunate they are. "The council are supporting Dover very well," Fletcher said. "It is a pity ours does not do the same."

While Sittingbourne use the profit from the sale of their ground for £6.52 million in 1990 to spend, spend, spend, on following Dover towards the Endsleigh Insurance League, the Conference leaders have just tapped the council for another £120,000 to help with ground improvements needed to meet Football League requirements. It was £200,000 of council money which took Crabble up to Conference standard, but too late for promotion after winning the Beazer Homes League in 1990.

Husk admits to a feeling of *déjà vu* now that the slope across Dover's pitch would prevent them from joining the third division unless they can reduce the gradient in accordance with Football League specifications by December 31. Contractors are being consulted and, if two matches in early November can be rearranged, there would be six weeks during which the work could be done.

Kent is England's third largest shire county but has never had a club in the top half of the Football League, unless you include Millwall and Charlton Athletic. "We have a half share in Charlton and Millwall," Masters claims, referring to the 1908 drawing of boundaries. As for pure Kent, Gillingham have been trying unsuccessfully for 35 years to reach the top half.

They have, it is said, lacked ambition, but Sittingbourne, challenging for a Conference place, and Dover are thinking ahead. Sittingbourne are developing their new ground, impressive even at its embryonic stage, and can afford to pay top players' wages. "The whole thing is being geared to take us to Premier League football," Fletcher said.

Masters noted: "It shows that all is not as bad in Kent as was being bandied about 12 months ago." Near the famous white cliffs, the tide is turning. But a feat of endurance as challenging as Captain Webb's remains ahead.

DOVER ATHLETIC (4-4-2): M Munden — D Scott, I O'Connell, A Dixon, D Walker — C Browne, J Jackson, R Milton, J Bartlett — C Blewden, D Lewothy.
NORTHWICH VICTORIA (4-4-2): A Bullock — B Smith (sub: J Sewell, 77min), M Hancock, M Jones, M Simms — B Butler, K Westray (sub: P Donnelly, 77), C Boyd, N Hardy — M O'Connor, C Lewin
Referee: P Alcock.

Youthful promise holds out hope for Brighton

Overshadowed by huge debts, Barry Lloyd's side is not without assets. **Peter Robinson** reports

WEMBLEY, May 1983. The FA Cup final, the dying embers of extra time and Michael Robinson finds a way through an exhausted Manchester United defence. Gordon Smith demands the ball, gets it and, from six yards, glory and English football's greatest prize are there for the taking. It was Brighton and Hove Albion's finest moment. Then Smith missed. His scuffed shot and Gary Bailey's save led to a replay and Brighton's chance of winning the Cup had gone.

Ten years later and Brighton are in London again. The High Court, October 1993. Now, £3.2 million in debt, the club is struggling to survive and is about to go into extra time once more. Facing a winding-up order it has a month, an extra month, to find £600,000 to satisfy the tax man and the VAT man. This time, there will be no replay and if the money or the means are not found, Brighton will probably go under.

The signs are not good for a club that surely should never have been in such trouble. Brighton were in the Cup Final and the first division, yet on Saturday, as supporters gathered outside the Goldstone Ground before the visit of Stockport County, a group perched on a wall agreed that if Brighton can survive beyond Christmas, they have some interesting fixtures in the new year. "If", though, was the operative word.

Asked if Brighton could escape, the manager-managing director could only say, "I hope so", and shrug — this from Barry Lloyd, an optimist. "We have four weeks to get our act together," Lloyd said as the focus switched, almost inevitably, away from his team's 1-1 draw with Stockport. "We have made a lot of progress in that direction and that was recognised by the court."

When all else fails, raising money means selling players, preferably promising young ones who fetch a higher price. This may explain why Lloyd was so unexpectedly chirpy on Saturday. He could look at the efforts of his young team, with five teenagers in its ranks, and preen a little.

Myall, Tuck, Simmonds and, especially the goalkeeper, Rust, and the forward, Funnell, showed promise and genuinely surprised Stockport. Nogan, from close range, gave Brighton a ninth-minute lead and though Preece equalised on the half-hour, the youngsters stuck to their task. Even when McCarthy, already booked in the first half, was sent off after 60 minutes for elbowing Francis, they held firm.

While Lloyd laughed in the face of adversity, his opposite number at Stockport, Danny Bergara, was livid. Never mind that his side had just gone top of the second division. "If we keep playing like we did in the last 20 minutes, we will not stay there very long," he said.

BRIGHTON (4-4-2): N Rust — S Myall, S Munday, P McCarthy, S Tuck — D Simmonds, R Codner, J Chapman, M Edwards — K Nogan, S Funnell
STOCKPORT COUNTY (5-2-3): N Edwards — J Gannon (sub: M James, 89min), M Flynn, S Connelly, M Wallace — D Frain, P Ward — D Ryan, K Francis, A Preece
Referee: R Wiseman

Tranmere display rich qualities

Peter Ball watches a team of homespun talent climb to the summit of the first division

THE search for the key to open the door to Premiership riches has led several Endsleigh Insurance League clubs to desperate measures — or at least desperate gambles. Graham Turner at Wolves has had an open cheque book; Derby County has spent around £11 million; Sunderland spent more than Newcastle in the close season.

Even Bolton invested nearly £1 million this summer, the total of John King's expenditure in gathering together the Tranmere Rovers squad that went back to the top of the first division ahead of its profligate rivals by beating Wanderers 2-1 on Saturday.

"We've always had to make our own players," King said, "but if you can bring in quality players to mix in, you've got a strong chemical that can blow people up." As Bolton can testify, among others.

Yet Tranmere's future is the least secure of all the contenders as their ambitious chairman, Peter Johnson, frets over the small gates and glances wistfully across the Mersey, where a place on the Everton board, even the chairmanship, may be waiting. Not even Saturday's crowd of 10,128 mollified him.

"Bolton brought two or three thousand with them," he said. "We ought to be able to get 10,000 of our own supporters for a local derby. We need gates of 12,000 to 12,500 to break even. We have a different class of player here now."

With two internationals, Aldridge and Nevin, there is no disputing that. But with gates averaging 6,000, compared with the 1,200 when he rescued the club from extinction six years ago, and the team thriving, perhaps Johnson is being too impatient.

"The club's future is quite safe, whether I'm here or not," he said on Saturday, but there is little doubt that his continued input will be needed if they do move into the big league.

The team looks capable of doing so. With five regulars, including Aldridge, missing through injury, they were second best for long periods. Bolton playing with the greater composure, but determination and a stroke of luck at the last carried them through.

"We didn't play badly, but we didn't play well," Nevin, Tranmere's new captain, conceded. "Perhaps we spoilt people by the way we played last season, but we're scrapping now, so we've got another string to our bow in getting the results. We're working very hard, and to have lost an incredible number of key players and to still be where we are is a credit to us."

Bolton scrapped hard, too, in the nearest thing to a local derby either team can find in the first division. Alan Thompson, their £250,000 signing from Newcastle, looked an outstanding prospect without making his skills count. "He needs to be far more positive as a person and on the pitch," Bruce Rioch, the Bolton manager, said. "He has to find the self-motivation and desire to want to be top class, because he has the capability."

Nevin's desire was certain. Playing as a striker in the absence of Aldridge, he received a calf injury before half-time but, after Brown's header cancelled out Malkin's opening goal, got his reward when Stubbs, another of Bolton's richly promising young players, was too cool for his side's good and was dispossessed for Nevin to score his fifth goal of the season with a flash of the insouciant style Chelsea supporters will remember. He for one will be at home in the Premiership if Johnson's patience holds out.

TRANMERE ROVERS (4-4-2): E Nixon, A Thomas, D Higgins, S Garnett, I Nolan; J Kenworthy, D Morrindale, G Brannan (sub: G Branch, 76min), K Irons; C Malkin, P Nevin.
BOLTON WANDERERS (4-4-2): K Branagan, P Brown, M Seagraves, A Stubbs, J Phillips; D Lee, J McAteer, A Kelly, M Patterson; A Thompson (sub: S Green 82), J McGinlay.
Referee: J Key.

Verveer's work-to-rule succeeds

Oliver Holt sees a Dutchman mastermind Millwall's victory over struggling West Brom

A RARITY in football pads along the plush carpets of The New Den and glides over its even turf. In the pristine stadium, amid the breakers' yards and chirpy voices off the Old Kent Road, a Dutchman imbued with the work ethic plies his trade.

He appears languid, almost lazy, but his technical excellence takes the eye and when he bursts forward, Etienne Verveer's speed leaves pursuers trailing in his wake. His poise and awareness set him apart on Saturday, when he and his Millwall midfield partner, Alex Rae, produced first-half performances that were the foundation of the 2-1 victory over West Brom, who are now on the edge of the first division relegation zone.

A 13-month absence from the game, caused by a cruciate ligament injury, relegated Verveer to one of the lesser-known members of the small Dutch contingent playing in England and ended any faint hopes he may have entertained about breaking into the Holland squad in time for the World Cup qualifier against England on Wednesday.

Although Verveer is a citizen of a nation whose team was riven by arguments over style during the last World Cup, a nation more famed for its exquisite skills, its mastery of the concept of "total football". Verveer is one of the new breed of Dutchmen who realise that art and guile are not enough to bring success.

"When I was coming back from my injury I had to work very hard," he said. "I had to work for my life, just keep going, keep going. It is much more difficult to play in the English league. In Holland, the players are lazy. They just want to earn their money.

"They play a very technical style of football. They sit on the ball. They keep it. But that is why they always struggle in international football. They have not learned to work hard on the pitch like the West Germans. I cried when Brazil lost to Italy in 1982 but they lost for the same reason."

Verveer has become an integral part of a Millwall team playing sharp, incisive football that is a credit to the manager, Mick McCarthy, and belies his own rugged pedigree. Helped by inept defending by the visitors, which at times verged on the bizarre, Millwall had enough first-half chances, as McCarthy said afterwards, "to have won three games".

Every time Millwall floated a ball into the penalty area or tried to walk it into the West Brom goal, they caused havoc. After Dolby had headed Rae's centre back across goal for Goodman to nod over the line in the seventh minute, Moralee shot wide. Verveer having waltzed through the defence to set him up.

After the mayhem of the Coca-Cola Cup tie against Watford last week, when seven players were booked and three sent off, there was scarcely a bad word or a cross tackle. Rae, returning after a three-match ban, was the very epitome of gentlemanly conduct and he extended Millwall's lead seven minutes into the second half when he was tripped in the box and converted the penalty himself. Although West Brom pulled a goal back through Bradley 14 minutes from the end, they did not look like getting an equaliser.

"Rae's a good footballer," McCarthy said, echoing Verveer's appraisal of British players' qualities and adding a touch of Yorkshire grit to his estimation. "You can't knock him down with a piece of 3-by-2 wood. That's what I like about him."

MILLWALL (4-3-1-2): K Keller — R Huxford, K Cunningham, K Sievens, T Dolby — A Roberts, A Rae, P Barber — E Verveer — J Goodman, J Moralee (sub: B Murray, 45min)
WEST BROM (4-1-3-2): T Lange — K O'Regan, D Burgess, P Raven, K Ampadu — D Bradley — I Hamilton (sub: B McNally, 63), M Mellon, K Donovan — A Hunt, B Taylor.
Referee: I Hemley

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Hypnotist does trick for Barnet

Barnet.............................. 0
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By Keith Pike

A LITTLE bit of magic went a long way for Barnet yesterday as the Endsleigh Insurance League second division club finally secured its first point of the season at the eleventh attempt.

A goalless draw against Cardiff at Underhill was greeted with the kind of euphoria normally reserved for Wembley cup triumphs. Gary Phillips, Barnet's goalkeeper-manager, looked to the heavens in gratitude before punching the air with relief and delight, and the team was given a standing ovation as it left the field. "We're so good it's unbelievable," their supporters chanted.

Good they most certainly were not, although they were distinctly the better side in a match in which commitment was total (Cardiff won the caution contest +2) but quality rare.

After ten consecutive defeats, and with Manchester United's 63-year-old record for the number of successive losses at the start of a season just 180 minutes away, Phillips had enlisted the help of an old friend on Friday. George Lord, whose publicity material describes him as a "hypnotist and entertainer" was instructed to put Barnet's players into a trance and persuade them of their infallibility.

With the club having spent 12 months on the brink of going under, the players were now being invited to do the same. Yet it seemed to do the trick, and Lord was quick to claim some of the credit.

"The players have been under an awful lot of stress because of their poor results," Lord said. "All I did was put them into a relaxed frame of mind before the game, and the difference was plain to see." He had predicted a 3-1 win, but said the promised victory would be achieved at Huddersfield next Saturday.

Phillips preferred to describe the exercise as "a little bit of fun" and thought the relaxed state of his team was due as much to the fact that "most of them went to the pub last night for a few drinks and to watch the boxing on television." But his relief at a draw — and Barnet's first league game without conceding a goal — was obvious and genuine.

"It is certainly better than losing and we have become rather good at that," Phillips said, "even so there was a bit of an anticlimax in the dressing room because we really should have won. We are still seven points adrift at the bottom of the table. But at least that record is off our backs. Who knows, perhaps we can now put together a good unbeaten run."

If they were playing Cardiff every week that would be a certainty. The teams were both promoted last season, but while Barnet have since been forced to release an entire team and flirted with extinction, the Welshmen have no such excuses.

Cardiff's players are among the best paid in the lower divisions, but yesterday it was they, and not Barnet, who looked like a team assembled from other club's cast-offs. Without a win in 11 matches themselves, they went close in the first ten minutes with headers from Blake and Thompson, but never threatened again.

The best moments, and certainly the better individual performances, were all Barnet's. The composure of Barnett in defence, Marwood's experienced touches in midfield and Haag's industry in attack gave them a sound platform on which to build, and had Walker's first-half header not been cleared by Brazil, or Cooper not blazed the best chance of the match over Kite's crossbar early in the second period, Barnet's first point would have been their first victory instead.

BARNET (4-4-2): G Phillips — P Wilson, A Walker, D Barnett, P Haylock — A Finnigan, T Alexander, B Marwood, G Cooper — K Haag, C Hoddle.
CARDIFF CITY: (4-4-2): P Kite — J Perry, L Baddeley, A Knill, D Searle — A Bird (sub: N Wigg, 81min), D Brazil, N Blake, C Griffith — G Thompson, P Stant (sub: P Millar, 63).
Referee: P Don.

MARC ASPLAND



Alexander, of Barnet, uses unorthodox means to stop Baddeley, of Cardiff, in the goalless draw yesterday

Macari in quandary as Stoke concede to Penney

Oxford United................. 1
Stoke City........................ 0

By Oliver Holt

IF THIS was Lou Macari's last match in charge of Stoke City, he will look back on it as a swansong heavy with frustration. When the ranks of photographers ranged in front of him finally moved aside, he watched his forwards squander a succession of opportunities and allow Oxford United to snatch a win which lifted them off the bottom of the first division.

Macari is wanted by Celtic, one of his former clubs, to fill the managerial vacancy created by Liam Brady's resignation, but Peter Coates, the Stoke chairman, has vowed to do everything he can to keep him at the club and offered him a five-year contract before the game. "It [a move to Celtic] is a big opportunity for anyone," Macari said. "If you are Scottish and you have played for Celtic, then you realise the importance of the club.

"But whatever happens has got to be with Stoke's blessing. I have never been in this position and am obviously flattered at the attention from a big club like Celtic. But it is a difficult position for me."

Despite the attention lavished on Macari, this match turned into a tale of two other transfer targets. As Mark Stein, who announced his desire to leave Stoke soon after his match-winning performance against Manchester United in the first leg of their Coca-Cola Cup tie, missed a series of clear cut chances, Jim Magilton, who is wanted by Manchester City, inspired Oxford to their first win in seven games.

Magilton, who had scored 17 penalties in 17 attempts before yesterday, saw his eighteenth saved by Muggleton in the 32nd minute but made amends by nodding Robinson's centre across goal for Penney to head the winner four minutes before half-time.

Until yesterday, Oxford had conceded a goal or more in every game they had played and Stoke sprung their offside trap so regularly they seemed sure to get the equaliser they deserved. But Foley missed a fine opportunity from Stein's through ball after 66 minutes and after two outstanding saves from Whitehead, Oxford finished stronger and could have extended their lead.

OXFORD UNITED (4-4-2): P Whitehead — L Robinson, D Collins, M Ford, A Rogan — J Beauchamp, M Lewis, J Magilton, C Allen (sub: P Wanless, 86min) — M Druce (sub: R Ford, 71), D Penney.
STOKE CITY (4-4-2): C Muggleton — I Clarkson, V Overson, I Cranson, T Cowan — T Orlygsson, S Foley, M Gynn (sub: M Carruthers, 68), N Gleghorn — M Stein, S Sturridge
Referee: D Elleray.

Celtic caught in the grip of madness

RODDY FORSYTH

Scottish commentary

What characteristics would you say are encountered frequently when dealing with people who become passionately involved with a football club? Try these: illusions, delusions, hallucinations, mental confusion and a lack of insight by the subject into his or her condition.

Actually, those are the clinical symptoms of a psychotic, but supplement them with a willingness to invest considerable time and money in the object of the obsession and you have a serviceable definition of half the club directors in the country and most of the supporters. Managers come into a slightly different category, in that they are actually paid to jeopardise the happiness of their families and become the targets of public vilification.

Even so, I have no difficulty in calling to mind two or three incumbents who would have qualified easily as day patients at any psychiatric hospital. It was a Scottish manager who once said, in all seriousness, that he would have been a happier man had he been born as a certain medieval warlord whose chief achievement was the burning and pillaging of a small city.

A kind of madness has been evident at Parkhead since Liam Brady's resignation last Wednesday. The scene outside the cavernous old ground on Friday night, as shareholders arrived for the club's annual general meeting, was memorable.

Four television camera crews and a posse of radio and newspaper reporters patrolled in the livid glare of a battery of arc lamps. My wife, who watched one of the live broadcasts, said later that she half expected Rabin and Arafat to come out and perform their handshake again.

There was little peace accord between the factions on the second floor, where the meeting was held. The evening started with the revelation that the club's directors had been granted an interim interdict against Fergus McCann, the Scots-Canadian millionaire who is attempting a £12 million takeover of Celtic, and Matt McGlone, editor of the Celtic fanzine *Once A Tim*.

According to the interdict, a proxy appointing the pair to act on its owner's behalf had been shown to be a forgery. A spokesman for McCann who, like McGlone, remained at the meeting by dint of other proxy agreements, immediately announced that McCann had no prior knowledge of any counterfeit signatures.

Thereafter, the meeting brought the club's difficulties into a proper perspective. An agreement binding five of the seven directors not to vote against each other was compared to the Hitler-Stalin pact.

The director not included in the agreement said of it: "It is morally indefensible, the refuge of frightened men. This agreement emasculates them." Someone opened a window to let in some cool air and through it wafted a chorus of "Sack the board" from supporters outside.

When the meeting came to an end at 11pm, the spectators outside were still in place, having stood for more than four hours on a wet Glasgow night. This identification with the club is, because of the singular rivalries of the west of Scotland, more passionately felt than anywhere else in Britain.

Such spectacular loyalty, demonstrated by the comparative stability of attendances at Parkhead during four barren years of Rangers domination, will be the biggest asset at Lou Macari's command should he return to Celtic, and he knows it.

On Saturday Macari said that Celtic's position was far more favourable than it looked, that the teams at the head of the Premier Division would not maintain their position and that Rangers were clearly vulnerable. Macari speaks the language of the Celtic supporter fluently, with an insider's accent, and the supporters would acclaim his appointment.

But the club is also deeply unhappy and financially constricted, with little room for manoeuvre. The job description is simple. Local warlord required to storm rival citadel and retrieve lost honours. Ability to stretch shoestring an advantage.

Furlong one step ahead of Middlesbrough

Watford.............................. 2
Middlesbrough...................... 0

By David Powell

WATFORD yesterday officially opened their new Vicarage Road End stand, part of a £3 million development, but if they play too often like they did in the first half against Middlesbrough the days when they fill it will be few. Their second-half performance, in which they scored the goals which ended Middlesbrough's six-match unbeaten run, was altogether better for business.

Watford have been through four managers since Graham Taylor was here but the ghost of victories past could be seen as Watford raised their tempo: a long, high ball from out of defence by Dublin was missed on the bounce by Mohan, as the Middlesbrough defender attempted a clearance kick, and Furlong brought the ball under control before hitting a post. But Watford, be assured, are advocates now of the passing game.

Furlong got the goal his effort deserved after 73 minutes, squeezing between Whyte and Morris to crash in a shot. Sent off against Millwall in midweek, and fined by his manager, Glenn Roeder, as a punishment, Furlong has returned to favour.

"He bounced back very strongly in that second period; it was his best 45 minutes this year," Roeder said. Furlong is valued by Roeder at "not less than £1 million" which means, if he goes, a Watford record sale.

His header, which brought a flying save from Pears, was the best of the first-half action, although Middlesbrough made the greater number of openings.

Middlesbrough, with second place in the first division beckoning if three points could be taken, had no response to Furlong's goal. After 85 minutes the second goal followed. Dyer thankfully in the name of justice, pulling clear of Morris's attempt to wrestle him to the floor before taking on Liburd and firing in.

Lennie Lawrence, the Middlesbrough manager, has made £2.3 million from the sale of Kernaghan, Falconer and Phillips and given youth its chance. Stamp, 17, came in yesterday, joining Moore, 18, and Liburd, 20. Pollock, 19, was out injured. It was a mistake, Lawrence said after yesterday's defeat.

"Today the shortcomings and the frailty were there for all to see. We were unbelievably lightweight in the second half. We neither attacked nor counter-attacked effectively.

"It is my fault because I have come to depend too heavily on young players. I have run the squad down and it won't do. I must take action."

WATFORD (4-4-2): S Sheppard — K Dublin, B Ashby, D Holdsworth, G Lavin — B Dyer (sub: R Johnson, 88min), A Hessenthaler, J Soloman, G Porter — P Furlong, L Nogan.
MIDDLESBROUGH (4-4-2): S Pears — C Morris, N Mohan, D Whyte, R Liburd — C Hignett, P Stamp, R Mustoe, A Moore — J Hendrie, P Wilkinson.
Referee: P Vanes

WEEKEND RESULTS AND TABLES

FA Carling Premiership

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
		HOME					AWAY					
1 Man Utd	10	4	1	0	12	3	4	0	1	10	5	25
2 Arsenal	10	4	0	1	9	4	2	2	1	3	2	20
3 Leeds	10	4	0	1	8	5	2	1	2	6	5	19
4 Norwich	10	2	1	2	2	3	3	2	0	17	8	18
5 Tottenham	10	3	1	1	10	4	2	2	1	7	6	18
6 Blackburn	10	1	2	2	5	7	4	1	0	9	3	18
7 Newcastle	10	3	1	1	8	4	1	3	1	7	6	16
8 A Villa	10	2	1	2	6	5	2	3	0	6	4	16
9 Wimbledon	10	2	3	0	6	4	2	1	2	5	7	16
10 Everton	10	3	0	2	8	6	2	0	3	5	6	15
11 Coventry	10	2	2	1	5	5	1	3	1	7	5	14
12 QPR	10	3	1	1	10	7	1	1	3	6	10	14
13 Liverpool	10	2	1	2	5	3	2	0	3	8	5	13
14 Chelsea	10	3	1	1	6	3	0	3	2	3	5	13
15 Man City	10	1	3	1	6	5	2	0	3	4	4	12
16 Ipswich	10	2	2	1	6	5	1	1	3	4	9	12
17 West Ham	10	2	1	2	3	6	1	1	3	3	7	11
18 Sheff Utd	10	2	2	1	8	6	0	1	4	7	14	9
19 Sheff Wed	10	1	2	2	7	7	0	2	3	4	10	7
20 Oldham	10	0	3	2	5	9	1	1	3	2	8	7
21 Southmpton	10	1	1	3	9	11	0	0	5	1	7	4
22 Swindon	10	0	1	4	4	14	0	2	3	4	12	3

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Southampton 5, Ipswich 3.

FA CUP: Third qualifying round: Billingham Synthonia 1 Gateshead 1; Gretna 2 Barrow 1; Northallerton Town 4 Netherfield 3, Lancaster City 1 Whitby Town 2, Leek Town 1 Emley 0; Warrington Town 0 Stalybridge Celtic 1, Morecambe 2 Bridlington Town 0; Winsford United 6 Buxton 1, North Ferriby United 1 Chorley 1; Knowsley United 3 Colwyn Bay 0, Nuneaton Borough 4 Worksop Town 1, Solihull Borough 1 Bromsgrove Rovers 2; Raunds Town 0 Telford United 4; Pershore Town 1 Atherstone United 0, Rushden and Diamonds 4 Burton Albion 0, Bishops Stortford 0 Canvey Island 1 Hendon 0 Cambridge City 1; Wivenhoe Town 2 Chelmsford City 0, East Thurrock United 1 Stevenage Borough 5; Halstead Town 1 Dagenham and Redbridge 3; Edgware Town 1 Chesham United 2, Hornchurch 1 Enfield 4, Purfleet 1 Yeading 2; Chertsey Town 1 Harrow Borough 3, Chatham Town 1 Kingstonian 2; Erith and Belvedere 0 Gravesend and Northfleet 1; Metropolitan Police 5 Margate 2, Basingstoke Town 1 Carshalton Athletic 3; Tooting and Mitcham 2 Dorking 0; Andover 0 Bashley 2; Wimborne Town 0 Waterlooville 1; Moreton Town 1 Mangotsfield Utd 1, Weston-Super-Mare 0 Tiverton Town 0. Postponed: Newport IOW v Newbury Town. Sunday: Greenwich 0, Molesey 4.

SMIRNOFF IRISH LEAGUE: Ballyclare 2 Distillery 2; Ballymena 3 Glentoran 2; Carrick 1 Coleraine 1; Crusaders 2 Newry 1; Glenavon 3 Bangor 1, Larne 0 Linfield 2, Omagh Town 1 Ards 2; Portadown 1 Cliftonville 1.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Corby Town 3 Worcester 2; Farnborough 3 Hastings 1; Gloucester 2 Moor Green 1; Gresley Rovers 1 Sittingbourne 1; Trowbridge 3 Hednesford 2. Postponed: Atherstone v Halesowen, Crawley Town v Cheltenham. Southern division: Ashford Town 6 Dunstable 3; Baldock Town 2 Canterbury City 0, Burnham 1 Fareham Town 2, Poole Town 1 Witney Town 1; Tonbridge AFC 2 Fisher '93 1, Wealdstone 3 Braintree Town 4. Postponed: Havant Town v Buckingham Town. Midland division: Armitage 2 Stourbridge 2; Bilston Town 2 Clevedon Town 1; Bridgnorth Town 0 Evesham United 1, Dudley Town 1 Bedworth United 1; Grantham Town 1 Hinckley Town 1; RC Warwick 2 King's Lynn 1; Redditch United 3 Yate Town 2. Sutton Coldfield 1 Newport AFC 1; VS Rugby 1 Tamworth 0.

KONICA LEAGUE OF WALES: Briton Ferry 2 Conwy 4; Connah's Quay 2 Haverfordwest 3; Cwmbran 1 Newtown 0, Ebbw Vale 3 Caersws 2; Holywell 4 Alan Lido 0, Inter Cardiff 3 Mold 0; Llanelli 1 Flint Town United 2, Llansantffraid 2 Maesteg Park 1, Porthmadog 2 Aberystwyth 1. Ton Pentre 3 Bangor 1.

Endsleigh Insurance League

First division

BARNSLEY (0) 0 CHARLTON (1) 1
5,186 — Pardew 12 (pen)

DERBY (1) 2 LUTON (0) 1
Kitson 18, Johnson 73 — Williams 90
15,885

GRIMSBY (2) 4 SOUTHEND (0) 0
Mendonca 22, 28 (pen), Childs 57, 68
4,726

MILLWALL (1) 2 WEST BROM (0) 1
Goodman 7, Rae 52 (pen) — Bradley 76
11,010

NOTTS CO (0) 2 BRISTOL C (0) 0
McSwegan 69 (pen), Draper 78
6,418

PETERBORO (1) 2 PORTSMTH (2) 2
McGlashan 18, Adcock 66 — McLoughlin 22, Walsh 41
6,538

SUNDERLAND (1) 1 BIRMNGHAM (0) 0
Howey 30
19,265

TRANMERE (1) 2 BOLTON (1) 1
Malkin 17, Nevin 81 — Brown 41
10,128

Postponed: Leicester v Crystal Palace, Wolverhampton Wanderers v Nottm Forest

Yesterday

OXFORD (1) 1 STOKE (0) 0
Penney 41
6,489

WATFORD (0) 2 MIDDLESBRO (0) 0
Furlong 73 Dyer 85
7,582

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
		HOME					AWAY					
1 Tranmere	11	5	0	1	12	6	2	2	1	5	5	23
2 C Palace	9	4	1	0	12	2	2	1	1	8	5	20
3 Charlton	11	3	2	0	7	1	2	3	1	6	8	20
4 Leicester	9	3	1	0	10	4	3	0	2	6	5	19
5 Middlesbro	11	2	2	1	8	4	3	1	2	11	9	18
6 Derby	10	5	0	0	15	4	0	2	3	2	11	17
7 Grimsby	11	2	4	0	9	3	1	3	1	10	11	16
8 Watford	10	3	2	1	9	8	1	1	2	7	10	15
9 Millwall	10	3	1	1	9	6	1	2	2	2	7	15
10 Southend	10	2	1	1	6	3	2	1	3	9	11	14
11 Bristol C	11	3	1	1	7	4	1	1	4	5	10	14
12 Notts Co	9	4	0	1	10	4	0	1	3	5	10	13
13 Wolves	10	2	2	1	9	6	1	1	3	6	8	12
14 Portsmouth	11	2	2	1	7	6	0	4	2	8	13	12
15 Birmingham	10	1	3	1	9	8	1	2	2	6	7	11
16 Stoke	10	1	0	3	3	5	2	2	2	10	12	11
17 Sunderland	9	3	1	1	9	4	0	1	3	1	8	11
18 Bolton	9	2	1	1	7	6	1	1	3	3	7	11
19 Oxford Utd	9	3	1	1	12	9	0	0	4	2	9	10
20 Barnsley	11	1	1	4	5	10	2	0	3	6	11	10
21 Nottm For	9	1	2	1	9	8	1	1	3	6	9	9
22 West Brom	10	2	2	1	10	10	0	1	4	5	10	9
23 Peterboro	10	2	3	1	11	7	0	0	4	1	9	9
24 Luton	10	2	0	3	8	7	0	2	3	3	8	8

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Premier division: Fleetwood 1 Bishop Auckland 2, Frickley 3 Droylsden 0; Gainsborough 1 Whitley Bay 3, Hyde 2 Boston 1; Marine 2 Accrington Stanley 1, Matlock 1 Horwich 0. First division: Alfreton Town 4 Farsley Celtic 0, Bamber Bridge 1 Congleton Town 1, Curzon Ashton 1 Spennymoor United 2; Great Harwood Town 3 Workington 1; Goole Town 6 Caernarfon Town 1, Guiseley 1 Ashton United 0; Mossley 1 Harrogate Town 1.

DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division: Hayes 0 Aylesbury 0, Marlow 3 Sutton United 2; St Albans 2 Bromley 0. First division: Abingdon Town 1 Windsor and Eton 0, Barking 0 Uxbridge 3, Berkhamsted Town 0 Billericay Town 2, Croydon 1 Bognor Regis Town 2; Leyton 2 Ruislip Manor 0, Walton and Hersham 1 Chalfont St Peter 0, Worthing 2 Maidenhead United 2. Second division: Aldershot Town 4 Lewes 0, Aveley 4 Egham 0, Hampton 2 Banstead Ath 1, Hungerford 1 Thame 1; Maiden Vale 0 Collier Row 2, Saffron Walden 3 Tilbury 1; Ware 0 Hemel Hempstead 3. Third division: Cheshunt 2 Feltham and Hounslow 0; Epsom and Ewell 0 Southall 3, Flackwell Heath 1 Leighton 1, Harefield 1 Clapton 1, Horsham 0 Hertford 1; Northwood 1 Royston 2; Oxford City 2 Cove 3; Tring 1 Harlow 2.

Second division

BRIGHTON (1) 1 STOCKPORT (1) 1
Nogan 9 — Preece 30
5,330

BRISTOL R (0) 4 BRADFORD (1) 3
Stewart 57 (pen), 87 (pen), Taylor 66, Sterling 90 — Showler 41, Duxbury 63, 68
5,323

BURNLEY (1) 4 PLYMOUTH (1) 2
Eyres 8, Monington 58, Peel 65, 73 — Castle 10, Dalton 69
10,488

EXETER (1) 4 READING (4) 6
Jepson 13, 85, Ross 51, 61 — Quinn 4, 73, Lovell 22, 36, Taylor 42, 83
4,725

FULHAM (0) 0 BOURNEMTH (0) 2
4,004 — Pennock 51, Fletcher 53

HARTLEPOOL (0) 0 BRENTFORD (0) 1
1,802 — Benjamin 75

L ORIENT (0) 1 ROTHERHAM (0) 1
Howard 81 — Varadi 47
3,304

PORT VALE (1) 2 HULL (1) 1
Cross 16, 90 — Allison 17
9,459

SWANSEA (3) 4 BLACKPOOL (2) 4
Pascoe 11, Cornforth 20, Hayes 22, Walker 72 — Griffiths 17, Watson 25, Mitchell 77, 90
3,775

WREXHAM (0) 1 CAMBRIDGE (1) 1
Bennett 85 (pen) — Claridge 16
4,220

YORK (0) 0 HUDDERSFIELD (1) 2
6,363 — Wells 31, Roberts 88

Yesterday

BARNET (0) 0 CARDIFF (0) 0
2,084

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
		HOME					AWAY					
1 Stockport	11	5	0	0	12	3	2	3	1	8	7	24
2 Reading	11	4	1	0	13	6	3	1	2	16	11	23
3 Hull	11	4	1	0	11	4	3	1	2	12	13	23
4 Blackpool	11	4	1	0	9	4	2	1	3	12	13	20
5 Bristol R	11	4	1	1	12	7	2	1	2	5	6	20
6 Plymouth	11	4	0	1	13	6	2	1	3	11	13	19
7 York	11	3	1	2	11	6	3	0	2	6	8	19
8 Burnley	11	6	0	0	18	5	0	0	5	5	11	18
9 Port Vale	11	4	2	0	16	5	1	1	3	4	8	18
10 Bournemth	10	2	2	1	7	5	3	1	1	7	4	18
11 Leyton O	11	3	1	2	10	8	2	0	3	6	11	16
12 Exeter	11	3	1	2	15	11	1	2	2	8	9	15
13 Swansea	11	3	2	1	11	7	1	1	3	3	8	15
14 Bradford	11	4	0	1	14	5	0	2	4	7	15	14
15 Rotherham	11	2	1	2	8	8	1	3	2	7	10	13
16 Wrexham	11	3	2	1	16	9	0	1	4	1	12	12
17 Cambridge	11	2	1	2	9	8	1	2	3	7	12	12
18 Huddersfld	11	1	2	2	3	6	2	1	3	8	9	12
19 Brentford	11	2	1	2	6	5	1	2	3	4	7	12
20 Brighton	11	1	4	1	6	7	1	1	3	6	11	11
21 Hartlepool	11	2	1	3	4	5	1	1	3	4	7	11
22 Cardiff	10	1	1	2	9	9	1	3	2	7	11	10
23 Fulham	11	0	2	4	4	10	2	0	3	5	6	8
24 Barnet	11	0	1	5	3	9	0	0	5	4	21	1

Third division

BURY (1) 3 WIGAN (0) 0
Kelly 3, Mauge 55, Robertson 56 (og)
2,729

COLCHESTER (1) 2 SCUNTHORPE (1) 1
Kinsella 32, Brown 78 — Carmichael 4
3,405

CREWE (4) 6 HEREFORD (0) 0
Naylor 13, 35, 51, Rowbotham 23, Ward 41, 84
3,509

DARLINGTON (1) 1 CHESTER (1) 2
Gaughan 4 — Rimmer 25, Wheeler 74 (pen)
1,767

LINCOLN (1) 2 DONCASTER (0) 1
West 37, 73 — Roche 77
3,901

MANSFIELD (1) 4 SCARBORO (0) 2
Young 42 (og) Gray 60, Noteman 84 (pen), Stringfellow 85 — Henderson 62, Young 72
2,589

NORTHMPTN (0) 1 WYCOMBE (0) 1
Aldridge 53 — Guppy 62
5,197

PRESTON (0) 4 CHESTERFLD (1) 1
Raynor 50, Ellis 72 (pen), 81, 90 — Lyne 41
6,581

SHRWSBURY (1) 1 CARLISLE (0) 0
Griffiths 17
3,254

TORQUAY (0) 1 ROCHDALE (1) 1
Kelly 70 — Stuart 23
3,874

WALSALL (0) 1 GILLINGHAM (0) 0
Peer 58
4,639

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
		HOME					AWAY					
1 Preston	10	5	0	1	17	6	2	1	1	11	9	22
2 Crewe	10	5	1	0	17	8	1	2	1	7	8	21
3 Rochdale	10	4	0	1	13	3	2	2	1	8	9	20
4 Wycombe	10	2	1	1	5	6	3	3	0	13	10	19
5 Colchester	10	4	1	1	15	12	1	1	2	9	8	17
6 Shrewsbury	10	3	1	1	8	5	2	1	2	9	11	17
7 Mansfield	9	3	1	1	8	5	2	1	1	6	4	17
8 Walsall	10	1	3	2	8	8	3	1	0	4	1	16
9 Torquay	10	1	5	0	13	12	2	1	1	8	7	15
10 Scunthorpe	10	1	2	1	5	5	3	1	2	6	2	15
11 Doncaster	10	2	1	1	5	3	2	1	3	5	7	14
12 Chester	10	1	1	2	3	4	3	0	3	9	10	13
13 Lincoln	10	2	2	2	9	12	1	1	2	4	5	12
14 Scarboro	10	0	0	4	4	11	3	2	1	10	8	11
15 Wigan	10	1	1	2	8	8	2	1	3	6	11	11
16 Gillingham	10	1	3	1	6	6	1	2	2	5	8	11
17 Bury	10	2	2	1	7	4	0	2	3	5	11	10
18 Carlisle	10	1	1	2	6	5	1	3	2	5	4	10
19 Hereford	10	1	1	3	6	8	1	1	3	6	15	8
20 Chesterfld	10	1	1	3	6	8	1	0	4	5	15	7
21 Northampton	9	1	1	2	4	4	0	2	3	7	11	6
22 Darlington	10	0	2	4	3	8	0	2	2	3	5	4

JEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Felixstowe Town 1 Wisbech Town 0; Gorleston 1 Cornard United 2; Haverhill Rovers 1 Newmarket Town 0; Histon 2 Fakenham Town 2; March Town United 1 Diss Town 3; Soham Town Rangers 1 Great Yarmouth Town 0; Tiptree United 2 Norwich United 0, Watton United 0 Stowmarket Town 1.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Crediton United 3 Frome Town 2; Odd Down 0 Saltash United 5, Paulton Rovers 2 Liskeard Athletic 1, Taunton Town 3 Bideford 2.

GM Vauxhall Conference

DOVER (1) 2 NORTHWICH (0) 0
Browne 31, Leworthy 74
1,630

KIDDRMNSTR (0) 3 RUNCORN (0) 0
Palmer 56, 58, Humphreys 69
1,208

MERTHYR (0) 2 HALIFAX (1) 1
Rogers 56, Williams 65 — Lambert 33
911

SLOUGH (0) 0 BATH (0) 0
1,334

SOUTHPORT (1) 2 WOKING (1) 1
Gamble 12 (pen), Withers 65 — Gray 38
1,526

STAFFORD (0) 1 KETTERING (0) 0
Clayton 58
1,456

WITTON (0) 0 MACCLSFLD (1) 2
1,068 — Power 9 Roberts 47

YEOVIL (0) 0 ALTRNCHM (0) 0
2,917

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
		HOME					AWAY					
1 Dover	9	6	0	0	15	2	1	0	2	3	3	21
2 Slough	11	4	1	0	11	2	1	3	2	2	3	19
3 Stafford	11	5	0	1	15	6	0	3	2	5	9	18
4 Bath	11	2	2	2	12	8	2	3	0	7	2	17
5 Kettering	10	1	3	0	3	2	3	2	1	7	2	17
6 Southport	11	2	3	1	8	7	2	2	1	9	7	17
7 Yeovil	12	3	2	1	8	2	1	3	2	9	13	17
8 Kidderminstr	11	4	1	1	7	2	1	0	4	4	12	16
9 Welling	9	2	1	1	5	5	2	2	1	4	2	15
10 Runcorn	10	3	1	1	12	6	0	4	1	6	9	14
11 Dagenham R	8	3	1	0	10	5	1	0	3	3	8	13
12 Halifax	11	1	4	0	8	2	1	2	3	10	14	12
13 Witton	11	3	1	2	9	8	0	3	2	2	8	12
14 Merthyr	10	1	4	0	6	5	0	3	2	4	7	10
15 Northwich	8	1	3	0	4	3	1	1	2	3	6	10
16 Altrincham	10	1	2	2	2	4	1	2	2	3	4	10
17 Macclesfld	10	2	1	2	7	6	1	0	4	4	14	10
18 Woking	10	2	1	2	8	10	0	2	3	1	10	9
19 Stalybridge	8	1	1	1	3	3	0	4	1	2	3	8
20 Bromsgrove	8	0	3	2	6	8	1	0	2	6	9	6
21 Gateshead	8	0	2	1	2	4	1	1	3	6	9	6
22 Telford	7	0	2	1	4	5	1	0	3	5	13	5

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Belper Town 1 Denaby United 5; Glasshoughton Wel 3 Pickering Town 3; Lincoln United 5 Pontefract Col 0; Liversedge 0 Brigg Town 0; Maltby MW 2 Armthorpe Welfare 2; Ossett Albion 2 Eccleshill United 0; Thackley 2 Stocksbridge PS 3; Winterton Rangers 2 Ossett Town 3.

SOUTHERN AMATEUR LEAGUE: Old Esthameians 2 Lensbury 1; Midland Bank 1 Civil Service 3; West Wickham 2 Norsemen 2; Old Actonians 0 Crouch End Vampires 2; Lloyds Bank 3 Old Stationers 0; Kew Association 2 Alexandra Park 4; Polytechnic 3 Ibis 0; Old Latymerians 2 Broomfield 1; Old Parkonians 5 Old Bromleians 3; Cuaco 2 Barclays Bank 3; Reigate Priory 1 Old Salesians 4; Old Lyonians 1 Old Parmiterians 5.

CARLING NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Bootle 0 Blackpool Rovers 1; Chadderton 0 Atherton LR 5; Kidsgrove Athletic 1 Burscough 2; Nantwich Town 2 St Helens Town 2; Penrith 3 Newcastle Town 2; Prescot 2 Flixton 1; Rossendale United 1 Bradford Park Avenue 0; Salford City 5 Bacup Borough 1; Skelmersdale United 2 Maine Road (Man) 5.

Scottish League

Premier division

CELTIC (0) 2 DUNDEE (0) 1
Creaney 58, McGinlay 64 — Dodds 54 (pen)
16,994

DUNDEE UTD (0) 1 RANGERS (3) 3
Welsh 51 — Huistra 13, 45, Hateley 32
11,045

HEARTS (0) 1 ST JOHNSTN (0) 1
Robertson 71 — Wright 85 (pen)
6,028

MOTHERWLL (0) 0 HIBERNIAN (1) 2
9,090 — Jackson 20 Wright 83

PARTICK (2) 3 ABERDEEN (0) 2
Taylor 4 Craig 5, Grant 71 — Paatelainen 53, Shearer 55
6,112

RAITH (2) 2 KILMARNCK (0) 2
Graham 7 Dair 36 — Williamson 72, Mitchell 75
4,754

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
		HOME					AWAY					
1 Hibernian	11	4	1	0	9	3	2	2	2	8	8	15
2 Aberdeen	11	3	2	0	7	1	1	3	2	6	7	13
3 Kilmarnock	11	2	3	1	6	4	2	2	1	5	4	13
4 Motherwell	11	2	2	1	8	5	3	1	2	5	6	13
5 Rangers	11	2	1	2	7	7	2	3	1	7	6	12
6 Celtic	11	1	4	1	4	4	2	1	2	8	8	11
7 St Johnstone	11	3	1	2	10	8	0	4	1	3	6	11
8 Dundee Utd	11	1	3	1	3	4	1	4	1	6	7	11
9 Hearts	11	4	1	1	7	3	0	2	3	1	8	11
10 Partick	11	3	0	2	9	6	0	4	2	7	10	10
11 Raith	11	0	5	1	8	11	1	0	4	5	12	7
12 Dundee	11	1	3	2	7	7	0	0	5	2	8	5

ARTHURIAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Old Etonians 1 Old Cholmeleians 1; Lancing Old Boys 1 Old Malvernians 1. First division: Old Aldenhamians 5 Whitleians 1; Old Ardinians 1 Old Wellingburians 8; Old Haileyburians 0 Old Bradfieldians 3; Westminster 2 Old Harrovians 10.

OLD BOYS LEAGUE: Premier division: Meadonians 2 Hamptonians 2; Cardinal Manning 1 Aloysians 0; Chertsey 0 Tenisonians 0, Danes 1 Ignatians 2.

AFA SENIOR CUP: Old Reptonians 1 Shene 6. London Old Boys Senior Cup: Old Salopians 2 Southallians 4.

SOUTHERN OLYMPIAN LEAGUE: First division: Mill Hill Village 1 Nottsborough 1; Old Finchleians 4 St Mary's College 2; Parkfield 5 Old Beaufonians 1.

BORD GAIS LEAGUE OF IRELAND: Premier division: Cobh Ramblers 0 Bohemians 0; Derry City 0 Shamrock Rovers 0; Dundalk 1 Monaghan United 3; Limerick 1 Drogheda United 1; St Patrick's Athletic 2 Galway United 3. Leading positions (after nine matches): 1, Cork City, 14 points; 2, Shamrock Rovers, 12; 3, Bohemians, 11; 4, Shelbourne, 11; 5, Galway United, 9; 6, Dundalk, 8.

GERMAN LEAGUE: Borussia Mönchengladbach 4 MSV Duisburg 1; FC Cologne 0 Bayern Munich 4; Hamburg SV 2 Wattenscheid 1; Schalke 1 SC Freiburg 3; FC Kaiserslautern 5 VfB Stuttgart 0; Eintracht Frankfurt 2 VfB Leipzig 1. Friday: Werder Bremen 4 Borussia Dortmund 0; Karlsruhe SC 2 Bayer Leverkusen 0; FC Nuremberg 3 Dynamo Dresden 0. Leading positions (after 11 matches): 1, Eintracht Frankfurt, 20 points; 2, Werder Bremen, 17; 3, Hamburg SV, 15.

First division

AIRDRIE (0) 1 ST MIRREN (0) 1
Kirkwood 67 — Gallagher 74
2,500

AYR (0) 1 CLYDEBANK (1) 1
Burns 68 (pen) — Jack 44
2,017

DUMBARTON (1) 1 STIRLING (1) 2
Foster 33 — Pew 38, Lawrie 59
766

DUNFERMLN (0) 1 FALKIRK (0) 0
Laing 82
6,266

HAMILTON (3) 5 BRECHIN (0) 0
Campbell 25 Ward 33, Fitzpatrick 37, Duffield 62, Clark 80 (pen)
1,020

MORTON (1) 1 CLYDE (0) 1
McEwan 28 — Morrison 67 (pen)
1,474

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
		HOME					AWAY					
1 Clydebank	12	3	1	1	8	4	5	1	1	17	6	18
2 Airdrie	12	5	2	0	14	5	3	0	2	7	6	18
3 Falkirk	12	4	0	2	9	8	3	2	1	10	3	16
4 Dunfermln	12	4	0	2	15	9	2	1	3	7	7	13
5 Stirling	12	4	0	1	8	4	2	1	4	9	14	13
6 Ayr Utd	12	1	3	2	6	9	3	1	2	6	4	12
7 Hamilton	12	2	2	2	10	7	2	1	3	5	11	11
8 Clyde	12	3	1	2	8	5	1	1	4	5	10	10
9 St Mirren	12	2	1	3	6	8	1	3	2	6	8	10
10 Dumbarton	12	2	1	4	7	8	2	0	3	8	9	9
11 Morton	12	2	2	2	10	12	0	2	4	5	15	8
12 Brechin	12	2	1	3	4	6	0	1	5	2	12	6

Second division

ALBION (0) 0 ARBROATH (0) 1
284 — McKinnon 75

BERWICK (1) 6 QUEEN'S PARK (0) 0
Maxwell 17 (og), Kane 47 (pen), 51, Cowan 49, Cunningham 54, Scott 74
414

COWDENBTH (1) 1 E STIRLING (1) 3
Harris 14 — Yates 11, Herd 59 (og), Geraghty 86
152

FORFAR (0) 0 ALLOA (1) 3
459 — McAnenay 4, Gibson 78, Moffat 84

MEADWBNK (0) 0 QUEEN OF S (0) 0
537

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Clarke stands up to challenge of formidable pack

FROM PATRICIA DAVIES IN KNOKKE-LE-ZOUTE, BELGIUM

EUROPEAN golf acquired a heavyweight talent when Darren Clarke won the Belgian Open at Royal Zoute yesterday. The big Ulsterman, a relatively svelte 16 stones these days, held a stellar cast at bay throughout the final round, to win by two strokes from Nick Faldo and Vijay Singh, with Bernhard Langer and Severiano Ballesteros in the quartet a further shot behind.

Clarke, 25, was one shot ahead of Ballesteros after three rounds and he could not have faced a sterner test as players of vastly more experience — three of his pursuers possessed 12 major championships between them — moved ever closer, pressing him to crack.

On a beautiful, sunny afternoon, with barely a breath of wind, Clarke, who confessed he did not play awfully well, rode his luck and although he was caught, he was never headed. Birdie fours at the three par fives on the inward half saw him home clear, with a round of 68 and a total of 270, 14 under par. "I was nervous all day," he said, "but the putts toppled in by the side door and I was just glad to see them disappear."

Playing with Ballesteros for the second successive day was an inspiration. Clarke, a former Irish amateur champion, said: 'He still has all the shots, and any time I play with him is good. I concentrate more and try harder."

Clarke holed a 20-foot putt for a birdie three at the 2nd but overshot the green at the 3rd with an eight-iron and was content to limit the damage with a bogey four. He reached the turn in level par but had his dramas, pitching to 12 inches from the gully on the right of the 5th to save par, and holing a ten-footer for par at the 6th, where he had pulled his drive into heavy rough.

Ballesteros, who is desperate to maintain his record of winning a tournament every year since 1976, went out in 35, one over par, but became a contender again when he rolled in a nine-foot putt for a birdie three at the 10th.

The elegantly clad gallery, forced to shed layers of cashmere in the summer-like sunshine, roared their approval but their hero faded away with three putts, for a par, at the 12th, where he missed from four feet, and with one of his patented bogeys at the 13th.

The Spaniard drove way



Clarke: heavyweight

left, into some pine trees, but, enveloped by branches, chipped out, then missed the green and had to conjure one of his magical pitches to three feet. Birdies at the 15th and 16th raised his hopes again, but he had too much to do.

Clarke coped admirably with all this Hispanic drama. He took two putts from 12 feet for his birdie four at the 12th; hit the hole from 45 feet at the next, played a pitch — not quite the way he wanted to — over a bunker to six feet at the 15th for another birdie four; and gave himself the breathing space he wanted with a 15-foot birdie putt at the 17th. Thus cushioned — he was two shots clear — he could afford a pull-hook off the tee at the last and still salvage his par four.

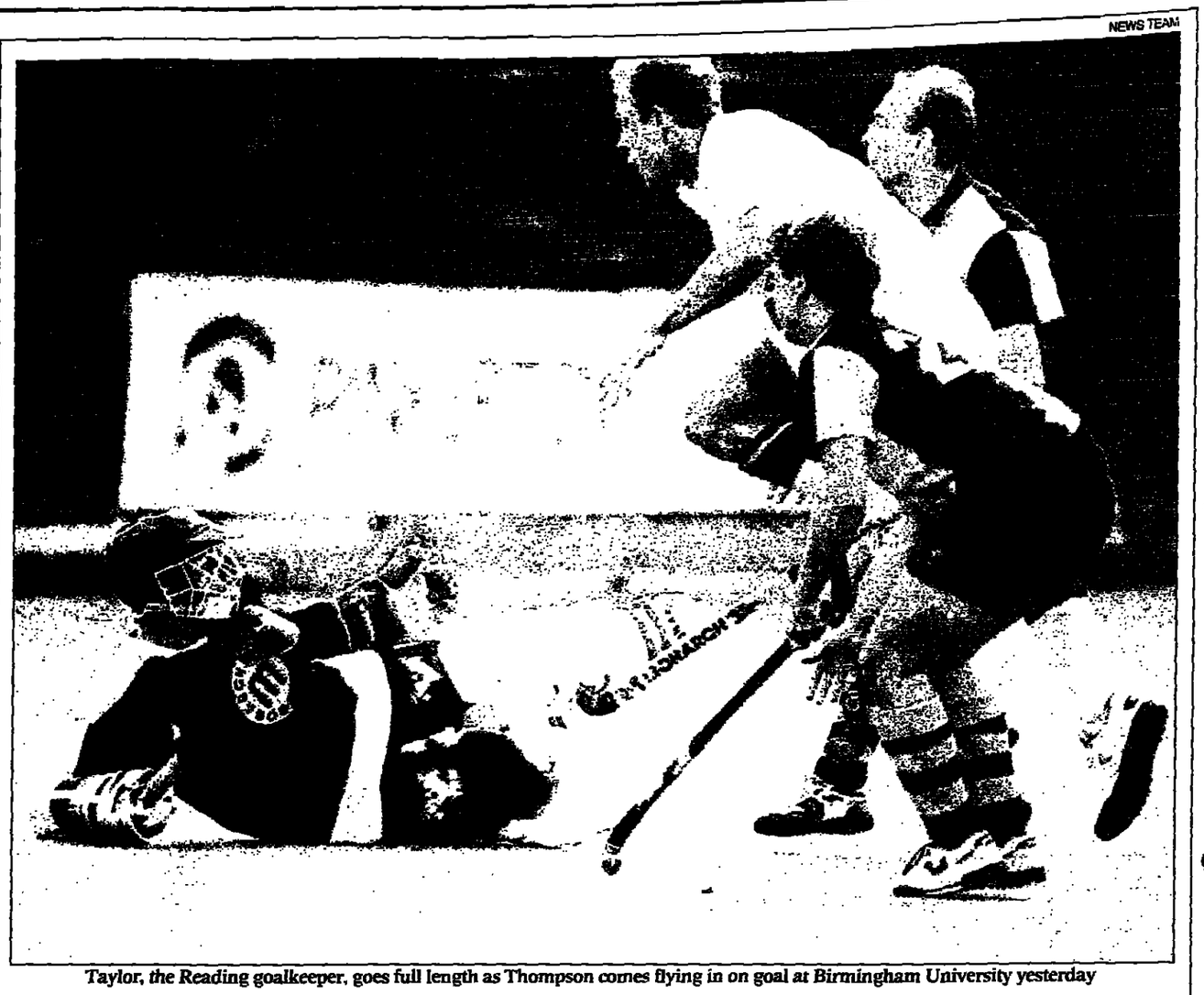
Langer finished with a round of 65, six under par, but was upstaged by Singh, his playing partner, winner of the Westchester Classic earlier this year. The Fijian saved his par four at the 9th, and said to Pete Coleman, Langer's caddie, "I'm going to get your man." And he did.

Singh had seven threes, including one eagle and four birdies, and needed only 12 putts as he came home in 30, seven under par, to equal the course record of 64 and take Clarke's mind off the antics of Ballesteros.

Faldo was always lurking — he was out in 33, one under par, despite dropping shots at two of the first four holes — and he became a serious contender with birdies at the 17th and 18th, where he holed from five feet and moved to the practice green to prepare for a play-off.

It never came, and Clarke should have no trouble celebrating his first victory on the European Tour — he lives in Bushmills, the small town in county Antrim that is home to the oldest distillery in the world — nor in spending the first prize of £100,000. He rang Dungannon, his home club, and said the drinks were on him for the rest of the night.

LEADING FINAL SCORES (GB and Ire unless stated): 270: D Clarke, 68, 68, 66, 68. 272: N Faldo, 68, 68, 69, 67; V Singh (Fiji), 66, 69, 71, 64. 273: B Langer (Ger), 72, 64, 72, 65; G Brand Jr, 66, 71, 68, 68; R Davis (Aus), 74, 67, 64, 68; S Ballesteros (Sp), 67, 65, 71, 70. 274: J Van de Velde (Fr) 70, 68, 68, 70. 275: B Lane, 71, 69, 69, 66. 276: G Turner (NZ), 70, 68, 72, 66; E Romero (Arg), 70, 69, 69, 68. 277: T Pernice (US), 70, 68, 72, 69; D Feherty, 69, 69, 69, 70; S Torrance, 71, 68, 67, 71. 278: G Evans, 68, 75, 68, 67; C Rocca (It), 67, 71, 71, 69; J Cosseras (Arg), 70, 69, 70, 69. 279: I Woosnam,72, 70, 72, 65; M Sunesson (Swe), 75, 68, 70, 66; J-M Carlizares (Sp), 68, 69, 71, 71; D Frost (SA), 69, 68, 71, 71; W Wiesner (SA), 70, 67, 71, 71. 280: P Walton, 73, 71, 71, 65; P Way, 71, 72, 70, 67; V Fernandez (Arg), 72, 72, 68, 68; M-A Martin (Sp), 69, 71, 72, 68, I Palmer (SA), 69, 70, 71, 70; D Williams, 66, 72, 71, 71; R Karlsson (Swe), 71, 71, 67, 71; J Haeggman (Swe), 72, 70, 65, 73.



NEWS TEAM

Taylor, the Reading goalkeeper, goes full length as Thompson comes flying in on goal at Birmingham University yesterday

Thompson puts Hounslow on right path

Hounslow	5
Reading	1

BY SYDNEY FRISKIN

THIS victory by the first division hockey champions yesterday over last season's second division winners was not unexpected but Hounslow suffered a rude shock when Reading scored in the sixth minute.

Osborn earned the first short corner of this Pizza Express national league match at Birmingham University and Howard Hoskin touched in Wyatt's shot from the top of the circle. But three minutes later Crutchley set up the chance from the right for Thompson to equalise.

Hounslow then dominated the half, forcing a total of ten short corners, three of which were converted. For Hounslow, Potter was the stabilising force in midfield and Hacker the cutting edge in the same area. He provided Thompson with an incisive pass from a short corner, enabling the centre forward to put Hounslow 2-1 ahead in the 28th minute.

After the interval Hacker scored on the follow-up on a short corner in the fortieth minute. Thompson hit the target from another short corner seven minutes later for his third and Potter scored in the 56th minute from Hacker's back pass. Reading replied with some spirited attacks in the closing minutes but were unable to take advantage of a short corner.

About 500 spectators saw the game and the filming of the first league match of the season for screening by Sky Sports on Tuesday evening.

At the same venue, Oxford University celebrated their entry to the second division with a 6-3 victory over Harborne. Dan Edwards, 18, from St Edmund Hall and formerly of Epsom College, got Oxford away to a splendid start with three goals in the fourth, sixth and eleventh minutes, taking advantage of slackness in the Harborne defence.

Mark Robinson converted Harborne's fifth short corner on the follow-up in the eighteenth minute, but Wayne Graham sent Oxford into a 4-1 lead by half-time. Bloor following up from his short corner, obtained Oxford's fifth goal in the 42nd minute, but two goals by Des Betts, the first from a short corner put a depleted Oxford defence under stress.

Three players including the reserve goalkeeper, were on the injured list. But Graham's goal in the 66th minute sealed the match. There were three sets of brothers in the Harborne side, Andy and Simon Bostock, Sam and Brian Davies, and Adrian and Des Betts.

Elsewhere, in the first division, Southgate, last year's runners-up, fought back at home to defeat Teddington 2-1, with goals by Dan Kerry and Attala in the 44th and 67th minutes, in answer to McGuire's goal in the thirtieth minute from a short corner for Teddington.

Goals by Mahmood Bhatti in the 23rd minute and Lee from a short corner in the 47th helped East Grinstead to a 2-1 victory over Stourport, for whom Knott scored in the 53rd minute.

Neil Barker registered five goals for Old Loughtonians at home in a 7-2 victory over Welton. Havant also got away to a flying start with a 4-0 away win over St Albans after leading 2-0 at half-time. Giles, Cross, Avery and Hill, from a short corner, were the scorers.

Of the Northern sides in the second division, Neston won 3-0 at home against Cheltenham. Doncaster and Sheffield had a goal-less draw, but Warrington were beaten 3-0 at home by Beeston.

READING: N Taylor, C Clacroft, A Hodson, T Adby, J Wyatt, D Barber, P Osborn (capt), G Harris, C Keevil, H Hoskin, J Clements. Subs: R Wood, J Goldring, M Hopkin. HOUNSLOW: J Barrow, G Fordham, S Hazlitt (capt), P Bolland, M Williamson, D Hacker, J Potter, J Rees, D Knapp, R Thompson, R Crutchley. Subs: S Hankins, R McQuillan.
Umpires: D Collier (Southern Counties) and H Pollard (Southern Counties)

Clearwater at boiling point

KEITH Clearwater had opened a three-stroke gap on his nearest challengers when the third round of the Walt Disney World Classic in Florida was halted by bad weather.

Clearwater, who had shared the halfway lead with Jeff Maggert and Skip Kendall, set a blistering pace as he took advantage of benign conditions at Lake Buena Vista, one of three courses used for the $1 million event.

He made four successive birdies from the 10th and added another at the 15th to break out of the pack and was 17 under par with two holes to play when play had to be stopped because of the approach of a thunderstorm.

Only nine players completed the third round and they were headed by Craig Stadler and Ed Humenik at 13 under. Nearly half the field did not even start, but officials remained hopeful they would be able to complete all of the scheduled 72 holes.

To speed up play, they reduced the amateur event from 54 to 36 holes, leaving the professionals to compete among themselves on Sunday, rather than having to go round with three amateurs, a decision which did not go down well with Clearwater.

He refused to attend a press conference because, it was believed, he perceived himself to be at a disadvantage after completing nearly three rounds with amateurs, while many of his rivals will play the entire third round without that distraction.

LEADING SECOND ROUND SCORES (US unless stated): 131 J Maggert, 66, 65; S Kendall, 65, 66; K Clearwater, 64, 67. 132: T Tryba, 64, 68; M McCumber, 65, 67; T Purtzer, 64, 68. 133: M Wiebe, 68, 67; E Humenik, 69, 64. 134: T Lehman, 67, 67, J Haas, 65, 69; B Crenshaw, 67, 67; L Janzen, 65, 69; L Roberts, 66, 68. 135: N Henke, 68, 67; S Hoch, 66, 69; C Strange, 65, 70, F Funk, 66, 69; T Sieckmann, 69, 66; C Stadler, 69, 67; R Mediate, 71, 64; B Cheesman, 68, 67; B Glasson, 67, 68; J Gomez, 70, 65.

More misery for Hightown

HIGHTOWN'S miserable start to the season continued with a 3-1 drubbing at the hands of Sutton Coldfield on Saturday, leaving the Liverpool club without a point and second from bottom in the premier division of the women's national hockey league (Alix Ramsay writes).

The air of invincibility that helped them to the runners-up position in the championship race last year has gone.

Not that their player-coach, Maggie Souyave, is unduly worried. "I've got to give credit to the opposition, most teams pull out all the stops when they play us and we haven't played as well as I know we can," she said.

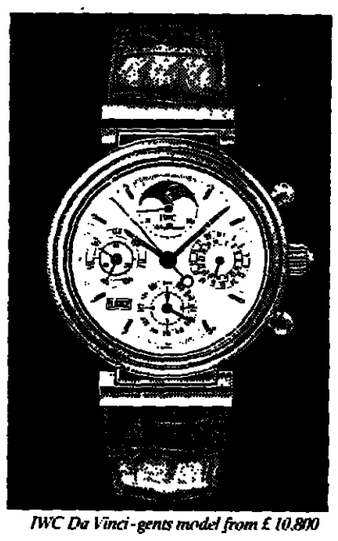
On Saturday Sutton scored twice in the first five minutes through Jane Swinnerton and Jackie Hill.

Swinnerton and Jane Sixsmith always looked dangerous and with Mandy Davies controlling the midfield, Sutton were able to take charge until Trish Maudsley pulled one back in the second half. But Hightown's hopes were soon dashed as Swinnerton hit the target again two minutes later.

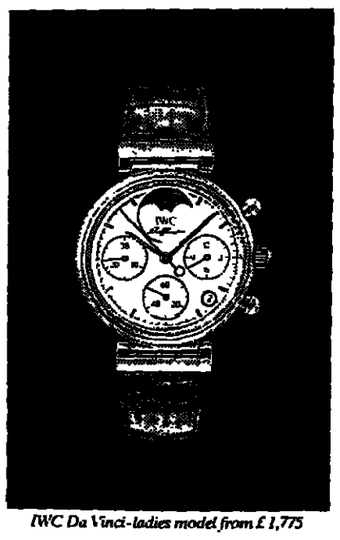
With the champions, Ipswich, doing just enough to beat Clifton 1-0 from a Vickey Dixon strike, and two goals from Karen Brown allowing Slough to ease past Chelmsford 2-0, a five-point gap has opened between the top three and the rest of the division.

Leicester maintained their place among the leaders with a 2-1 win over Ealing in an uninspired match.

They had to come from behind after Kate Trolove opened the scoring but a goal from Kim Gordan and a penalty stroke from Morag Laird earned them three points.



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Lessons must be put to good use

BY STUART JONES, TENNIS CORRESPONDENT

GREAT Britain's under-21 women's tennis team graduated from the University of Stirling with the highest of honours. The five young representatives left there yesterday, each reflecting exuberantly on the extraordinarily comprehensive 9-2 victory in the Maureen Connolly Trophy, the annual tournament against the United States.

A British win is rare enough — this was only the fourth since the event began in 1973 — but the margin achieved in the refrigerated warehouse of a sports hall gave them and their captain, Ann Jones, a special cause for celebration. It is unprecedented.

"They got on a roll, the spirits were high and they egged each other on," Jones explained. The rest of her appraisal was otherwise sober, adding even more poignancy to the revelation that the room in which the team relaxed off court is, in usual circumstances, a crèche.

"They have to go to back to the circuit and take advantage of the lessons they have learnt," she said. "They know now that they can win, that they have nothing to fear and that if you go for it, you never know what you might achieve. You can have fun, too."

The players have all improved their world rankings this year, four have won international tournaments and they are young enough to be eligible to defend the trophy next year. But none is guaranteed to retain her place, Jones warned. "Let us be honest. None of them is a Jennifer Capriati," she said.

Mention of the 17-year-old American, who is in the world's top ten, cast a clearer perspective. The visitors were virtually a third team and when one of their number was forced to withdraw at the last minute through injury, the replacement turned out to be their highest ranked player.

Amanda Wainwright was Britain's leader and she set the tone by winning her singles and doubles on the first of the three days.

All of her colleagues contributed at least one point to the overall cause and Jones was particularly relieved for the sake of Julie Pullin. Last year, she had lost her matches during the 6-5 defeat in Memphis.

This year, given the responsibility of opening Britain's challenge, she not only started successfully but also gave the team an unassailable 6-2 lead on Friday night and, with Karen Cross, finished by completing the triumph on Saturday evening.

Her coach thinks that the elegant and naturally gifted 17-year-old from Sussex is on the way to a glittering future. Gordon Birt insists that he is not unrealistic in setting Pullin, ranked 398 in the world, a target of reaching the top 100 within a year.

Birt claims that Lorna Woodroffe, another of his pupils at the Lawn Tennis Association's school in Sutton, could climb even higher. She was not picked for the under-21 team though. She did not benefit from spending three heady days in Stirling's historic seat of learning.

RESULTS (GB names first): Singles: A Wainwright bt J Shillet, 7-6, 6-3; S-A Siddall bt L Pugliese, 7-6, 3-6, 6-3; K Cross lost to R Jensen, 6-4, 7-6; L Ahl bt N Hummel, 7-5, 7-6, J Pullin bt P Nelson, 4-6, 6-3, 6-2; Cross bt Shillet, 6-2, 6-1; Wainwright bt Jensen, 7-5, 6-2. Doubles: Wainwright and Siddall bt Shillet and Hummel, 6-1, 6-0; Cross and Pullin bt Jensen and Nelson, 3-6, 6-4, 6-4.

Endeavour of Dalton worthy of merit

GRANT Dalton's maxi yacht, New Zealand Endeavour, led the Whitbread Round the World Race fleet out of the doldrums yesterday, and in doing so re-established a 31-mile lead over Merit Cup, skippered by Pierre Fehlmann (Barry Pickthall writes).

Endeavour, which slipped behind Merit for a short period on Friday, was first to find the trade winds and stole away from the fleet at more than ten knots.

Sixty miles north-west, a tense battle has developed for honours within the Whitbread 60 fleet between Javier de la Gandara's Galicia 93 and Winston, the American entry, skippered by Dennis Conner.

Chris Dickson's New Zealand entry, Tokio, which had set the pace until the doldrums, was 76 miles further east than Galicia and experiencing a better wind angle, which may be enough to close down the eight miles she has lost to the leaders.

The biggest losers were those who chose to cross to the east like Ross Field's Yamaha and Dolphin & Youth Challenge, the British entry, skippered by Matt Humphries, which is in sixth place.

LEADING POSITIONS (at 14:00 GMT yesterday,with miles to Punta del Este, Uruguay): Maxi class: 1, NZ Endeavour (G Dalton, NZ), 2,626 miles; 2, Merit Cup (P Fehlmann, Switz), 2,657; 3, La Poste (D Malle, Fr), 2,664; 4, Uruguay Natural (G Vanzini, Uru), 2,885. Whitbread 60 class: 1, Galicia 93 Pescanova (J de la Gandara, Sp), 2,662; 2, Winston (D Connor, US), 2,665; 3, Tokio (C Dickson, NZ), 2,670; 4, Intrum Justitia (R Nelson, Swe), 2,681; 5, Yamaha (R Field, NZ), 2,742; 6, Dolphin & Youth Challenge (M Humphries, GB), 2,883; 7, Brooks/Kold (G Maisto, It), 2,870 (estimate); 8, US Women's Challenge (N Frank, US), 2,884; 9, Heiman Sahaidachny (E Platon, Ukr), 2,899; 10, Odessa Moscow Times (A Vertka, Ukr), 4,794
Results issued by British Telecom

Challenge given final incentive

BY BARRY PICKTHALL

MORE than 2,600 readers of *The Times* have taken the chance to apply for one of two specially reserved berths on the Ocean Challenge 1996-7, the round-the-world yacht race for amateurs.

"We've been snowed under with applications," Chay Blyth said this weekend on his return from Boston, Massachusetts, one of five ports of call in the 30,000-mile Challenge. "A total of 2,687 readers from as far afield as Australia, the United States and Europe rushed to get their coupons back to us. They have arrived here by the sackful.

"Some beat the deadline using couriers. Others delivered them in person. We have even had an entry from a merchant seaman serving with the UN peace keeping forces in the Adriatic."

More than 2,000 people applied for fewer than 150 places on the 1996 fleet when the challenge was announced three months ago, but two berths, one for a man, one for a woman, were reserved for readers of *The Times*.

Each applicant was asked to write an essay on why he or she wants to take part in the world's toughest yacht race, and from these the judges will select six men and six women to take part next month in a special training weekend, organised by Blyth, during which the final two will be chosen. The names of the 12 finalists will be announced in *The Times* on Monday, October 25.

Reader interest in the Ocean Challenge, the successor to the highly successful British Steel Challenge race last winter, proved to be so strong that *The Times* and Ocean Challenge have decided to provide additional prizes.

With competition for the two berths so intense, *The Times* and the Challenge will also offer a six-night holiday cruise, to the Arctic Circle aboard one of the Challenge yachts, to the first runner-up. Another finalist will join a five-night sailing challenge to the famous Fastnet Rock and back and another will have the chance to join a four-night challenge to the Channel Islands. The remaining finalists will each win the opportunity to spend a day aboard one of the Ocean Challenge yachts early next year.

"We shall be testing for initiative, team-building and personal skills during a weekend-long course to find the best man and women to take up the two Times berths for what will undoubtedly be the challenge of a lifetime," Blyth said.

Sailing skills will count for little. "What we are looking for is commitment and enthusiasm for learning new skills. We shall teach the winners all they need to know about yacht racing during three years of intensive training before the race," he said.

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OPERA: A triumph for Covent Garden and (below) a memorable performance of Terezin's musical legacy

Inspired by a near-perfect Wagner

Graham Vick's production of *Die Meistersinger* lasts six hours, and to **Rodney Milnes** it proves that the Royal Opera has regained its world-class status

The first night of any production of *Die Meistersinger* can by definition, like Wagner's apprentice, hardly be perfect — it is too vast an undertaking. Six hours in the theatre, with the full complement of the Royal Opera on stage, backstage and in the pit, augmented by 50 extra chorus, 12 actors and nine acrobats, most of those involved tackling the piece for the first time: the wonder of Friday's premiere was that for much of the time perfection was approached.

It was an inspiring evening, one that justified "international opera" and the whole system of subsidy, and if a project of such magnitude is one way of taking a company's temperature, then the Royal Opera is in rude health. There are only about half a dozen houses in the world which could mount a show of this quality, and Covent Garden is one of them.

Bernard Haitink is unquestionably a great Wagner conductor, the only one (I think) since Goodall who recognised his mastery. Yet Haitink's first *Meistersinger* is utterly different, more mercurial, more sensuous, less craggy. He does not shirk grandeur, but never confuses it with bombast. He conjures up big, fat sound in the overture and the public scenes, but plainly revels in the more intimate conversational passages.

Many moments stay in the mind for the sheer beauty of Haitink's vision and the orchestral playing: the lead into Pogner's address, the whole of the second act duet for Eva and Sachs, the mystery of the Night Music, and the third-act prelude, one of those very Haitinkian moments when time stood still. As always, total clarity of texture is his watchword. There were things I had not heard properly before, mostly to do with Wagner's counterpoint and his wit: this was an especially good evening for the bassoons (chuckling disrespectfully) and horns (floating seraphically).

Graham Vick's production avoids *Meistersinger*-cliché, yet not in any bloody-minded sense, save perhaps in one respect (later, later, put off the dread moment). Richard Hudson's decor replaces the merely picturesque with a clean-limned, 20th-century version of Nuremberg. Strong colours, plain surfaces and — most important — a false stage extending through the proscenium so that Haitink's musical intimacy is seconded by the singers being as close to us as possible. The equally colourful costumes are Breughel, but lived-in, with wrinkled tights and somewhat optimistic codpieces. The second-act riot is spectacular, funny and very frightening (at least for those with vertigo), and the near-collapse of civilisation-as-we-know-it is brilliantly suggested in its aftermath.

But mainly it is a matter of *Personenregie*, of what Vick contrives in collaboration with his excellent cast. One performance is so fresh, so inventive, as almost to throw the piece off balance: Thomas Allen's Beckmesser. His body language is vividly communicative — fussing with his specs, prissily pursed lips, limp half-smiles, eyes suddenly blazing with malevolence, or sitting for his aria of hate in the study scene with knees pressed tightly together, the very picture of an introverted, frustrated pedant. He sings Beckmesser's music with spell-binding eloquence, and no amount of weather-chart makeup can disguise the fact that he is a good-looking chap, which makes the casting of his rival for Eva's hand extremely tricky. Luckily the Royal Opera has Gösta Winbergh, a noted David who has just switched to Walther, also a good-looking chap, and one with burnished-gold tenor tone: he uttered not a strained sound the whole evening, which really *is* saying something.

Nancy Gustafson's teenage Eva is enchantingly unaffected, her silvery soprano perfect for the part; her German needs attention. Deon van der Walt's first attempt at David will be much better later in the run: on the first night he was busy producing more tone than was necessary. Relax! Anne Howells (Magdalene) and Gwynne Howell (Pogner) give finely detailed performances, and Mark Beesley's Nightwatchman reminds one how difficult the role is from the point of view of pitch.

The one controversial element is John Tomlinson's first Sachs. There is little of the poet to this cobbler, little inwardness, little of the potential wooer. Vick has him play the man as a tetchy old lion with indigestion after eating one antelope too many. His bad-tempered public dressing-down of Walther at the end should earn him a sock on the jaw, not all-round reconciliation. Simply in its volume, Tomlinson's huge voice throws the many dialogues off balance, but if he relaxes the pressure, pitch wavers; Sachs is not a *Sprechgesang* role, and there was scarcely a true legato line the whole evening. I just wish this much-loved artist could go back and re-study the role from scratch.

Other reservations? The Masters are near-submerged in tacky Father Christmas beards (burn them), the Nightwatchman could be renamed the Mid-Afternoon-watchman (the only miscalculation in Wolfgang Göbbel's lighting plot), and Walther's last-act costume must be rethought before the next performance: the poor man looks as if he's off to a drag ball in Crouch End.

DONALD COOPER



John Tomlinson, left, and Thomas Allen, part of the excellent cast in Covent Garden's *Die Meistersinger von Nürnberg*

Music with a moral tone

Emperor of Atlantis/ Brundibár
Queen Elizabeth Hall

In the last few weeks the Czech town of Terezin has found an enduring place on the musical map. For those who missed the television documentaries, magazine and newspaper articles, Terezin was the transit camp from which 140,000 Jews were transported to Auschwitz and other death camps between 1942 and 1945. Musical composition and performance of a high order took place there, and in recent months a good deal of this music has been revived both live and on disc.

Among the composers active in Terezin were Viktor Ullmann and Hans Krása, pupils of Schoenberg and Zemlinsky respectively; both were subsequently taken to Auschwitz and heard of no more. On Thursday night, as part of the South Bank's Czech Festival, Mecklenburgh Opera, one of our leading small-scale companies, presented Ullmann's *Emperor of Atlantis* and Krása's children's opera *Brundibár* in a double bill. Mecklenburgh has made something of a speciality of operas from central Europe and its staging of **The Emperor of Atlantis** in 1988 — its first major undertaking — was a memorable achievement.

The opera deals with the expansionist ruler of the kingdom of Atlantis, whose reign of terror causes Death to go on strike, precipitating a crisis to which the Emperor is forced to capitulate by giving himself up to Death. The allegory was not lost on the SS officers in Terezin and the work was suppressed after the dress rehearsal.

John Abulafia's production in fact highlights the pathetic nature of the beleaguered Emperor. Richard Halton's portrayal, too, presents a more rounded figure than a mere dictator and attracts a degree of sympathy — especially in his final monologue, accompanied by subdued strings (the orchestra played superbly for Anne Manson).

Gwion Thomas was a strongly projected Loudspeaker (and a suitably unctuous master of ceremonies), while Maureen Brathwaite and Rebecca de Pont Davies were admirable as Pierrette and The Drummer. Apologies were made for vocal indisposition in the cases of Brian Bannatyne-Scott (Death) and Robert Horn (Pierrot) and this may have had something to do with the sense of restraint that hung over the production. My memory is of a staging (and performance) altogether more vibrant, energetic and convincing in 1988.

Brundibár was quite a different matter. It is a lovable piece, in the tradition of fairytale opera, and was given more than 50 times by children in Terezin. Like all good fairytales there is a moral: in this case, innocence and compassion triumphing over tyranny. It is a moral that must have gladdened the hearts of the prisoners of Terezin as they awaited their fate. And the joy of Abulafia's production (designed by Christopher Baugh and lit by Claire Tattersall) is that it recreates the atmosphere of those extraordinary stagings in Terezin — the performers' overcoats with yellow stars suspended above the stage, the set based on original designs — while delivering a universal message of hope.

The singers, from Ronald Corp's New London Children's Choir, excelled themselves, and Manson's lively, disciplined direction was always sympathetic to the deceptive simplicity of Krása's tuneful, jazzy score.

BARRY MILLINGTON

DONALD COOPER



Richard Halton in Ullmann's *Emperor of Atlantis*

CONCERT

Fantasy comes to life

CBSO/Rattle
Symphony Hall, Birmingham

ANYONE who has ever indulged in voluptuous fantasies about Rachmaninov's Third Piano Concerto — imagining it even bigger than it really is, more seductive in its lyricism, more sensuous in its colouring, more exhilarating in its rhythms, more exciting at the dynamic extremes — will have recognised Alexander Toradze's interpretation. Anyone who, on the other hand, prefers the real thing, as defined by the aristocratic demeanour and technical precision of the composer's own recording, will have rejected it in horror.

In either case, no one could fail to acknowledge that Toradze is an extraordinary musician. Few soloists involved with a work as familiar as this retain such a fresh relationship with it, feel it so intensely and respond so ardently to the physical challenge. Hypnotised from the start by the gently undulating melody of the opening bars, even though apt to lose touch from time to time, he was an inspiration to his partners who, at the climax of the third movement, joined him in an embrace remarkable for the mutuality of its emotional impulse and for its perfect acoustical balance.

At the centre of an overlong programme, the Rachmaninov made the preceding *Way to Castle Yonder* seem pale in comparison and upstaged even the *Symphonie Fantastique*. The Oliver Knussen piece, an off-shoot of his Sendak opera *Higglety, Pigglety Pop!*, was no doubt included as a friendly gesture to the schoolchildren who, after working on a long-term project associated with the Berlioz, came to Symphony Hall by the coachload.

It was surely not a good idea, however, to overload the programme in this way: even Simon Rattle and the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra have limited electrical energy even in the *Symphonie Fantastique* and even when the reverberation chamber is wide open to enhance the effects. Brilliantly done and cleverly stage-managed, it was appealing to resources already stretched before the interval.

GERALD LARNER

ROCK

Playing it loud and cool

The Lemonheads
UEA, Norwich

THE Lemonheads' big break came in 1992, with their hit version of Paul Simon's "Mrs Robinson". For a band whose real claim to fame rests on the prodigious talent of songwriter/guitarist Evan Dando, succeeding through a cover must have been frustrating. Except that in concert Dando's own songs sound like the trashing of a string of pop classics. Brilliant melodies and smart arrangements are subjected to thundering drums, squawking guitars.

On record — last year's runaway success *It's a Shame about Ray* and the current *Come On Feel the Lemonheads* — there is a restless mixture of the acoustic and the electric with direct echoes of folk and country among the pop and rock. The American trio's live performance, however, begins as a more brutal affair, a blind date between Nirvana and the Eagles.

The first three songs at the University of East Anglia flashed by in a raucous flurry in which the tunes only just survived, but by half-way through a set of some two dozen songs Dando hit a more relaxed, eclectic vein. The breezy charms of his own "Great Big No" and "It's About Time" were followed by "Frank Mills" from *Hair*. The infectious new single, "Into Your Arms", a collage of Californian surf music and 1960s New York pop, continued the show's exotic repertoire of styles.

Dando, though, makes it all seem so ridiculously easy. He doesn't really sell the songs. They get the same languid delivery, the same plain tone: a gentle, unselfpitying moan. But with the help of David Ryan's drums and Nic Dalton's bass, and with the benefit of tunes as sweet as condensed milk, they get bought anyway.

Dando occasionally shakes his head and the lights flash discreetly but otherwise everything remains nonchalantly cool. It is the kind of cool which requires Dando to cloak his good looks in uncharismatic black rollneck sweater. It is also one that denies any signs of extrovert display. Even the end, when Dando induces his guitar to feedback, is an exercise in understatement. Where others like to batter their speaker cabinets into agonised submission, Dando lays his guitar upon the amplifier with the delicacy of an expert on the *Antiques Roadshow*, sips a drink and walks off before ambling back for a five-song encore.

JOHN STREET

TELEVISION

An old Civilisation, but it's a hard one to beat

Waving a cigar the size of a small telegraph pole, Lord Grade strains his collar-buttons and reminisces about Sir Kenneth Clark's apprentice art programmes for ATV at the end of the 1950s. "He *never* got fired," he barks (rather as though someone had just asserted the contrary). He wiggles his telegraph pole improbably, and continues. "I *knew* that he had the *talent*. I *knew* that he had the *knowledge*."

The idea that Sir Kenneth Clark — the man who, in *Civilisation* (1969), famously beamed with benign pride in front of the masterpieces of western art ("What could be more agreeable?") — got off to a shaky start in broadcasting was rather a surprise, but it was also, well, agreeable. Last night's **K: Kenneth Clark 1903-83** (BBC2) was illuminating in many matters — Clark's career at the National Gallery and the Independent Television Authority, his enjoyment of female company, his isolating childhood, his connoisseurship, his ultimate straddling of high culture and mass entertainment (sharing the cover of a 1969 *Radio Times* with Lulu's Song for Europe) — but it was ultimately those early, blurry stabs at art programmes that proved most fascinating, if only because they showed how difficult it was.

Clark was the voice of patrician authority, the voice of informed passion (a voice automatically eschewed by modern arts television, of course), yet *still he made* mistakes. In unfamiliar black-and-white clips, he offered live, stilted studio lectures, including the bizarre "Is Art Necessary?" (1958), in which a Clark family pet — a Great Dane — was held up as a *paradigm* of beauty. It was a dodgy proposition, obviously, but still Sir Kenneth struggled heroically to elucidate the aesthetic ideal in doggy terms (lines, curves, er, smoothness), while the evidently self-conscious pooch did its level best to look lovely, albeit in an abstract doggy kind of way.



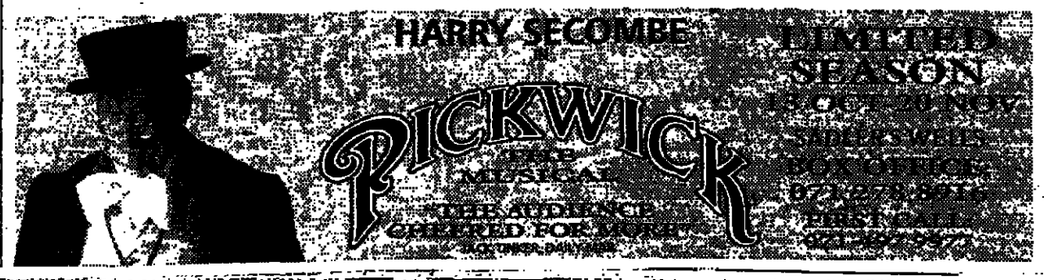
Sir Kenneth: shaky start

But television was evidently more tolerant of *flops in those* days. Sir Kenneth, given lots of second chances, finally discovered his niche. Nothing shook his confidence in his ability to appreciate beauty. His son Colin described Sir Kenneth's love of art as something that gave him solace "without needing anything in return", but it seemed a *strange remark, in the context.* It conjured an image of a bent, selfish, miserable collector, worshipping a masterpiece in a vault. Whereas Clark's urge to broadcast his connoisseurship (yes, actually, most people *do* know that the word "connoisseur" includes the definition "he who knows") meant that the arrangement was hardly unreciprocal.

Art historians were brought in, mainly to explain why Sir Kenneth's personal view of civilisation is now, in critical terms, so outmoded: his determination to link all creative endeavour into a single, edifying story; his insistence on the now unfashionable notion that some art is simply "better" (of a Leonardo drawing, "You can draw differently, but you can't draw better"). But, on the other hand, what can be more agreeable than to see Sir Kenneth hotly abominating cant in the shadow of Rodin's mighty statue of Balzac? "Balzac defies fashionable opinions," he declared, while outside on the unseen streets of Paris, the *evenements* were unfolding, amid a hail of cobbles. "He should inspire us to defy all those forces that threaten to impair our humanity: lies, tear gas, ideologies, opinion polls, mechanisation, planners, computers, the whole lot."

Civilisation is being reshown on BBC2 on Saturday afternoons. As Sir Kenneth would say, you can do it differently, but you can't do it better.

LYNNE TRUSS



TODAY'S EVENTS

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kris Anderson

LONDON

RAPE OF LUCRETIA: Graham Vick's lucid production of Britten's Roman tragedy receives a fine revival at ENO. Jean Rigby sings the title role.
Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-836 3161). Tonight, 7.30pm

RAY BRYANT. A welcome visit from this inventive American pianist who brings elements of blues and gospel into his style.
PizzaExpress, 10 Dean Street, W1 (071-437 9595)

CHAMBER ORCHESTRA OF EUROPE. Libor Pesek conducts Kodaly (Dances from Galanta); Strauss (Oboe Concerto, with Douglas Boyd); Dvořák (Symphony No 7 in D minor)
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891), 7.30pm

LOOKING THROUGH A GLASS ONION: John Waters stars in his own musical tribute to John Lennon. Comes to London after critical and public success in Australia.
Criterion, Piccadilly Circus, W1 (071-839 4488). Previews begin tonight, 8pm. Opens Oct 18, 9pm.

NICHOLAS WALKER: The winner of the 1979 Newport International Piano Competition is performing a programme of Beethoven, Chopin, Rachmaninov, Balakirev and Shchedrin/Pletnev.
Wigmore Hall, Wigmore Street, W1 (071-935 2141), 7.30pm.

ELSEWHERE

BIRMINGHAM. An opportunity to hear the tenor saxophonist Hal Singer in his first UK appearance in many years. His credits include working with Duke Ellington, Billie Holiday, Dizzy Gillespie and Charlie Parker.
Ronnie Scott's, Broad Street (021-643 4525)

CHICHESTER. The Peter Hall Company presents Oliver Goldsmith's **She Stoops to Conquer**, a comedy about mistaken identity, inheritance, deception and social graces. Donald Sinden, David Essex and Miriam Margolyes star. Two tickets for the price of one, tonight's performance only.
Festival Theatre, Oaklands Park, (0243 781312), 7.30pm

CREWE: Ben Crocker directs The Magnificent Theatre Company in Henry Fielding's **The Grub Street Opera**. The piece is done with a verve that suits its cheeky spirit. A conventional plot of true love upset by mischievous letters is neatly woven into some scurrilous attacks on the heir to the throne and repeated reference to a society founded on corruption. Stylishly done and not a dull performance is to be seen.
Lyceum Theatre, Heath Street (0270 257804), 8.00pm

NORWICH AND NORFOLK FESTIVAL: Highlights of today's events include an appearance by **Ennio Marchetto** (Arts Centre, 8.00pm); the **Pied Piper**, specially for children five years and under (Puppet Theatre, 11.00am); and a recital by the cellist **Steven Isserlis**, accompanied by Ian Brown, which includes the world premiere of *Night Demons* by Elena Firsova (Blackfriars Hall, 7.30pm)
Festival Ticket Shop, The Guildhall, Gaol Hill, Norwich (0603 764764). Most festival venues have disabled access. Call the Ticket Shop for details.

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ House full, returns only
▧ Some seats available
☐ Seats at all prices

▧ **ALL'S WELL THAT ENDS WELL:** Peter Hall's clear production of one of the "problem plays". Sophie Thompson plays the determined husband-hunter.
The Pit, Barbican Centre, EC2 (071-638 8891). Preview tonight, 7.15pm. Opens Tue, 7.00pm.

☐ **CAROUSEL:** Tuneful and cleverly set Rodgers and Hammerstein musical extravaganza.
Shaftesbury, Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2 (071-379 5399). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 165mins

☐ **CITY OF ANGELS.** Larry Gelbart / Cy Coleman musical, packed with wit, set in LA and the world of the private eye movie.
Prince of Wales, Coventry Street, W1 (071-839 5972). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 160mins

☐ **FOREVER PLAID:** Genial and wittily performed American show that pays homage to the four-part harmony groups of the 1950s.
Apollo, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5070). Mon-Thurs, 8pm, Fri, Sat 8.30pm, mats Fri, Sat, 6pm.

☐ **HAIR:** The Age of Aquarius dawns again. Michael Bogdanov directs.
Old Vic, Waterloo Road, SE1 (071-928 7616). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Fri, Sat, 4pm. 180mins.

☐ **HOT STUFF:** The glitter and glam of the Seventies given a Faustian storyline to link the songs.
Cambridge, Earlham St, WC2 (071-494 5040). Mon-Thurs, 8pm, Fri 6pm and 9pm, Sat 5pm and 8pm

☐ **KEYBOARD SKILLS:** Deborah Findlay, Jonathan Coy, Marcia Warren in what sounds like a political horror-farce from Lesley Bruce.
Bush, Shepherds Bush Green, W12 (081-743 3388). Opens tonight, 7pm; then Mon-Sat, 8pm.

☐ **MACHINAL:** Stephen Daldry's second production here is the American Sophie Treadwell's expressionist drama from 1928. Fiona Shaw plays a woman battling against the pressure of a mechanistic age.
National Theatre (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Previewing until Thurs, 7.30pm. Opens Oct 15, 7pm. Then in repertoire.

☐ **THE MOUNTAIN GIANTS:** Sian Thomas, Desmond Barrit in Pirandello's last play, completed by Charles Wood. Puzzling but a must for fans. Directed by William Gaskill.
National (Cottesloe), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Today and Tue, 7.30pm; mat Tue, 2.30pm.

☐ **MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING:** A funnier and friendlier production than many a subsidised one. With Mark Rylance and Janet McTeer.
Queen's, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5041). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 2.30pm. 165mins. Closes Oct 16

▧ **OLEANNA:** Power, politics and punishment at an American university. David Suchet and Lia Williams star in Pinter's production of Mamet's play.
Duke of York's, St. Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-836 5122). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 4pm.

☐ **RACING DEMON:** Revival of David Hare's bracing drama on the modern Church of England, again with Michael Bryant, Richard Pasco and the excellent Oliver Ford Davies.
National Theatre (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 (071-928-2252). Tonight-Wed, 7.15pm; mat Wed, 2.00pm.

☐ **RIPPED:** Ex-Olympic swimmer and teenage mathematical genius, both hot-housed by their fathers, meet at a body-building gym. A new play by Karen Hope, author of last winter's excellent *Foreign Lands*.
Cockpit, Gateforth St, NW8 (071-402 5081). Mon-Sat, 8pm. Till October 30. (by prior arrangement only)

☐ **THE SEAGULL:** Paul Shelley's attractive production of Chekov in a translation by Michael Frayn. With Diane Fletcher and David Yelland.
Orange Tree, Clarence Street, Richmond (081-940 3633). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm. 180mins. Till October 16.

▧ **TAMBURLAINE THE GREAT:** Antony Sher plays the gutsy, roaring tyrant for all it's worth. Terry Hands directs.
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891) Tonight-Wed, 7.15pm. Opens Thurs, 7.00pm

☐ **THERESE RAQUIN:** Julie Bardsley's own version of Zola's sexual thriller drips with guilt and grim revenge.
Young Vic, 60 The Cut, SE1 (071-928 6363). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Sat 2.30pm and some Weds.

LONG RUNNERS: ☐ **Blood Brothers**: Phoenix (071-867 1044) ☐ **Buddy**: Victoria Palace (071-834 1317) ... ▧ **Cats**: New London (071-405 0072) ... ☐ **Crazy for You**: Prince Edward (071-734 8951) ... ☐ **Don't Dress for Dinner**: Duchess (071-494 5070) ... ☐ **Five Guys Named Moe**: Lyric (071-494 5045) ... ■ **Grease**: Dominion (071-580 8845) ... ☐ **It runs in the Family**: Playhouse (071-839 4401) ... ▧ **Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat**: Palladium (071-494 5037) ... ▧ **Les Misérables**: Palace (071-434 0909) ... ▧ **Miss Saigon**: Theatre Royal, Drury Lane (071-494 5400) ... ☐ **The Mousetrap**: St Martin's (071-836 1443) ... ■ **The Phantom of the Opera**: Her Majesty's (071-494 5400) ... ▧ **Starlight Express**: Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) ... ■ **Sunset Boulevard**: Adelphi Theatre (071-344 0055) ... ☐ **Travels With My Aunt**: Whitehall (071-867 1119) ... ☐ **The Woman in Black**: Fortune (071-836 2238).

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

HARD BOILED (18). Stylised, tedious action showpiece from cult Hong Kong director John Woo, with Chow Yun-Fat as a cop chasing gun-runners.
Everyman (071-435 1525) **Metro** (071-437 0757) **MGM Panton Street** (071-930 0631) **Plaza** (071-497 9999)

THE KILLER (18). John Woo's superior crime melodrama of 1989, drenched in blood and tears. Chow Yun-Fat stars as a disaffected hit-man.
Prince Charles (071-437 8181)

RAINING STONES (15): Wonderful slice of life on a Catholic council estate. Director Ken Loach blends biting humour and raw pain. Endearing performances from local talent.
Camden Plaza (071-485 2443) **MGMs: Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Haymarket** (071-839 1527) **Odeon Kensington** (0426-914666) **Screen on the Green** (071-226 3520)

THIS BOY'S LIFE (15): Tyrant stepfather Robert De Niro makes an adolescent's life hell. Uneven version of Tobias Wolff's memoir with Leonard DiCaprio and Ellen Barkin. Michael Caton-Jones directs.
MGM Haymarket (071-839 1527) **Warner West End** (071-437 4343)

◆ **THE YOUNG AMERICANS** (18): Harvey Keitel cleans up London's drug racketeers. Puny British thriller covered with US gloss. Director, Danny Cannon.
Electric (071-792 2020/0328) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **West End** (0426-915574) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

CURRENT

CAREFUL: Weird and wonderful mountain drama from Canadian eccentric Guy Maddin; German Expressionism meets Monty Python.
ICA (071-930 3647)

◆ **THE FUGITIVE** (12): 1960s television series roars back to life with Harrison Ford as the fugitive trying to clear his name. With Tommy Lee Jones, director, Andrew Davis.
MGMs: Baker Street (071-935 9772) **Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Notting Hill Coronet** (071-727 6705) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332) **Warner** (071-437 4343)

LIKE WATER FOR CHOCOLATE (15). Laura Esquivel's quirky Mexican hymn to sex, food and the female spirit, spoiled by dull direction (Alfonso Arau). With Lumi Cavazos, Regina Torne.
Curzon Mayfair (071-465 8865) **Curzon Phoenix** (071-240 9661) **Gate** (071-727 4043) **Odeon Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098)

◆ **MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING** (PG). Fast-food Shakespeare from Kenneth Branagh, with rollicking actors, clearly-spoken verse, but little film finesse. Emma Thompson, Denzel Washington, Michael Keaton.
Camden Plaza (071-485 2443) **Chelsea** (071-351 3742/3743) **Empire** (071-437 1234/497 9999) **MGMs: Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **Shaftesbury Avenue** (071-836 6279) **Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148) **Odeons: Mezzanine** (0426 915683) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **Plaza** (071-497 9999) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332) **Warner** (071-437 4343)

◆ **PASSION FISH** (15): Crippled soap star and her secretive nurse undergo rehabilitation. Enjoyable, loving, leisurely film from John Sayles. With Mary McDonnell, Alfre Woodard.
Curzon West End (071-439 4805) **MGM Piccadilly** (071-437 3561) **Minema** (071-235 4225).

LE SAMOURAI (PG): Downfall of an icy hired killer (Alain Delon). Jean-Pierre Melville's superb, stylised gangster drama of 1967.
Renoir (071-837 8402)

◆ **SLEEPLESS IN SEATTLE** (PG): Meg Ryan makes a long-distance play for widower Tom Hanks. Smart but indulgent romantic comedy from writer-director Nora Ephron.
Barbican (071-638 8891) **MGM Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Leicester Square** (0426 915683) **Marble Arch** (0426 914501) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **Screen on Baker Street** (071-935 2772) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

THEATRE: Eileen Atkins's two-hander comes to the West End; plus London fringe reviews

Precious blooms of Bloomsbury

Vita and Virginia
Ambassadors

VIRGINIA WOOLF thought Vita Sackville-West "florid, moustached, parakeet-coloured, with all the supple ease of the aristocracy but none of the wit of the artist". Vita admired the inner but not the outer Virginia, which was hardly surprising, given the latter's penchant for dowdy flowered dresses, horrible mauve cardigans and ridiculous feathered hats. So began one of the century's odder love-affairs and, until Woolf walked into a river with her pockets full of stones, one of its more touching friendships.

True, the two-hander that Eileen Atkins has distilled from the women's letters contains plenty to irritate enemies of Bloomsbury preciosity. Was it Penelope Wilton's Vita who said that she was shutting her ears to the brawling of the rivers and closing her nose to the scent of the pines in order to concentrate on a story? Was it Atkins's Virginia who ordered Vita not to snuff the stinking tallow out of her heart?

I think so; but it could have been either woman in one of her archer, more self-consciously literary moods. If two orchids were to communicate across a perfumed hothouse, they would surely sound a bit like this. There were times when I inwardly hankered for an exchange of letters between Annie Oakley and Biggles.

Yet Patrick Garland's fine production left me feeling that even preciosity has its interest and archness its uses. Those fastidious sentences reveal much about period taste, period manners and the English habit of distancing oneself from one's feelings. They can be amusing and instructive, too. Virginia reports hearing that the Seafarer's Education Service has ordered two copies of *To the Lighthouse*, and worries about her influence on the nation's navigational skills. She also throws out remarks — "style is all rhythm, and once you get that, you can't use the wrong words" — that any Woolfophile will find helpful.

Virginia admired Vita's patrician grace and celebrated it in *Orlando*, while persisting in her doubts about Vita's slowish mind and dullish poetry. Vita clearly worshipped Virginia's mind and muse but found her physically less than fulfilling. The two actresses convey all such contradictions superbly: Wilton effortlessly exuding a sort of tough elegance, Atkins's Modigliani-face combining with her angular body-language and strange, sideways glances to express everything from bitchy glee to nervous terror.

More important still, they show something that survived both the passing passions and the morbid jealousies. Call it love.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

DONALD COOPER



Eileen Atkins (*Virginia Woolf*); Penelope Wilton (Vita Sackville-West)

Muscles and misery

Ripped
Cockpit

IN HER award-winning drama *Foreign Lands*, at the Finborough last winter, Karen Hope brought together a psychopathic child-killer and an autistic savant. Her fascinating new play presents another unlikely pairing: Melanie Kitts, champion bodybuilder, and Laura McTaggert, a 13-year-old mathematical genius.

They meet at an East London gym, into which Laura has ventured from the flat above to ask for the music to be turned down. Pale, unsmiling and quaintly elderly in her choice of words, she would seem to have little in common with the rough-tongued Mel, intent on pumping her abs and glutes to championship perfection.

Where they are sisters under the skin is in being victims of ambitious fathers. For Mel too has experienced prepubertal glory, relentlessly driven by her parent to swim her way to an Olympic medal. Since parting from her on bad terms, he only comes to competitions in the hope of seeing her lose. In her black trainer James she has found a man who loves her, but a man's love is confused with a father's obsession. It is no wonder she snaps at him, "don't call me Babe".

Hope develops relationships with a satisfying concern for symmetry. Laura's father is the fourth member of the cast, and as the apple of his eye spends more and more time befriending Mel and being charmed by James, unfamiliar feelings of jealousy stir in him. Likewise James is not pleased when McTaggert is persuaded to feel Mel's swelling delts.

Jessica Dromgoole's direction for Soho Theatre Company faithfully serves her author in pacing the tension, and in setting it going even before the play begins with a disconcerting sound-effect of murmuring voices. Are they monks at prayer, scholars revising axioms? What they turn out to be saying bears upon the dangerous choice Mel makes to boost her chances at the next competition.

Whether Laura, whose PhD thesis is something mathematical about changes in musculature, knows that Mel is taking steroids is uncertain, and here Dromgoole and Hope falter for a moment. Has Laura, also cheating (sort of) to reach her next success, fudged the equations to agree with muscle changes that are already fudged?

If the play itself wobbles hereabouts the criticism is relevant because the play deserves consideration by high standards. It is further evidence that Hope is a gifted playwright with the capacity to find universal drama in peculiar settings.

Victoria Harwood, impressively muscled, gives a truthful performance of a young woman psychologically scarred, though when she yells she also distorts her words. Lindsey Wilson, in her first professional role, touchingly reveals a worm learning to turn. Sidney Cole (lover) and David Sibley (father) make three-dimensional characters of the less-rounded men.

The essence of Hope's play occurs in an exchange between McTaggert and his daughter: "I've devoted my life to helping you succeed." "You're hurting me." She says this because he is gripping her shoulder, but it is her whole life that is being damaged.

JEREMY KINGSTON

Living with the grunge

Wasted
Old Red Lion

THE barrister Howard Slone deserves a standing ovation for setting up the London Theatre Company to produce new plays. Thanks to him, Simon Bent's piece *Wasted* does not fall by the wayside. The National Theatre Studio — a vital greenhouse for many a budding playwright — has nurtured Bent since 1986: he has written five plays there. Now he returns to the Old Red Lion which itself bravely promotes new works — lion-hearted indeed in these lean times — and which formerly staged Bent's *Knuckle Butty*.

Wasted, set in a housing co-op, is far better than many a new play seen on the fringe. Watching a kitchen's worth of wasters going nowhere, smoking spliffs and being sick in washing-up bowls sounds like an evening of drear grunginess. But *Wasted* is actually highly entertaining.

Bent casts an affectionate but satirical eye over this none-too-happy commune drawn from divergent social circles. Fran (Georgiana Dacombe), the head of the house and from the Home Counties, slums around in a kimono with ever-so-slightly-affected wrists, sending out Carol (Rebecca Clay) the new arrival from up north, to buy sea salt, and driven mad by her open relationship with Neil (Mark Powley). Sharon (Samantha Edmonds), who may well have kept Ratners in business single-handed, pops by occasionally to be morally shocked. Meanwhile, Ray (Tom Hudson), the laddish Irishman and manic joker, is heading for oblivion on a diet of drink and drugs.

Bent writes wonderfully funny, off-the-wall lines and some delightful scenes, notably the ridiculously uncooperative communal meeting (voting on the toilet seat being left up). He also touches on potentially profounder subjects: oppressive jealousy, latent homosexuality and losing your grip.

However, as it stands, *Wasted* is surely not in its final draft. The author throws dramatic story threads into the air (pilfered money and in-house two-timing) only to abandon them. Juggling too many characters, he ends up dropping them all, and he shies away just when interactions get interesting.

Christopher Hynes's direction does not help matters by pushing towards farce. Hectic or overloud delivery lays waste the sharply observed naturalism of lounge-about conversations. Micro-seeds (as brief as two lines) ought to crosscut faster and be as finely worked as miniatures. Hynes needs to chart human dynamics much more delicately to help the cast make sense of the script.

Nevertheless, this is an enjoyable production with strong performances, particularly from the frantically funny Philip Brook (madman Kenny) and Rebecca Clay who makes you laugh before she has said a word.

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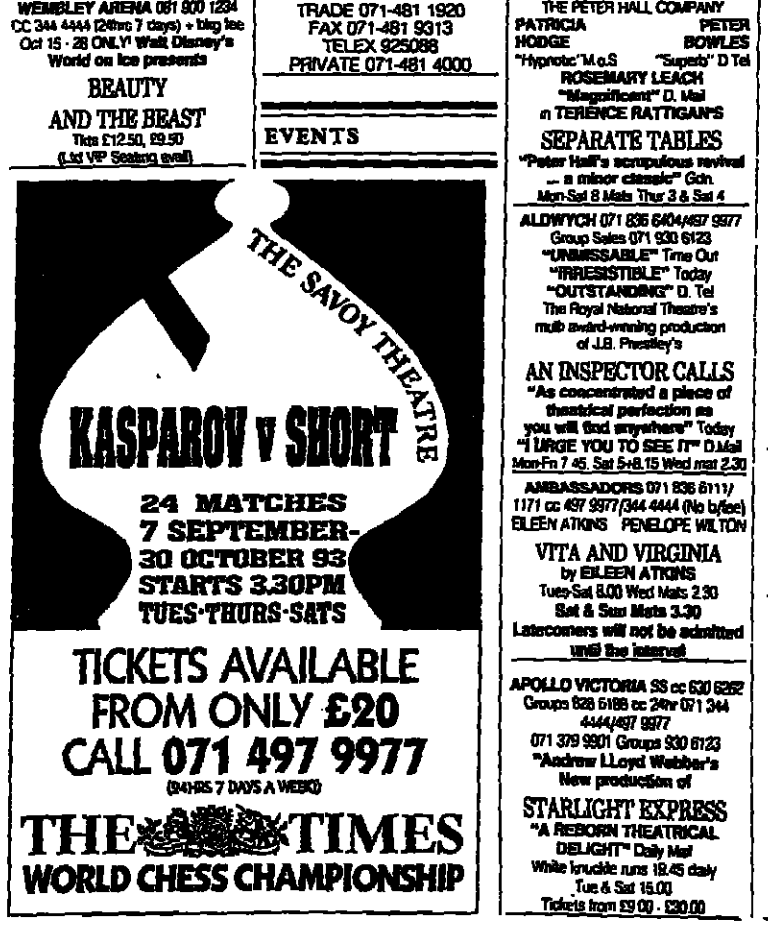
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Inside the city of mammon

The streets of London are paved with insolvency notices rather than gold, but it has other riches to offer, writes Peter Ackroyd

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London is a city of sorrowful mysteries; its twin deities are the God of money and the Magog of commercial power, so it is only appropriate that Simon Jenkins's book of essays should open with the buying and selling of a small girl for the sake of urban profit. In the late 17th century Mary Davies was heir to some "farm and swamp land" close by Westminster, and as a result became a prime piece of portable property to be auctioned off to the highest bidder. She was purchased by Sir Thomas Grosvenor — the surname suggests what happened to her land — and eventually she grew insane, but not before becoming an example of the private horrors which lie beneath the very ground and buildings of the capital.

It has always been the same: as Jenkins notes here: "London is perpetually 'in crisis'. It is eternally grinding to a halt, seizing up, on the point of collapse." The streets have never been paved with that famous precious metal but "with insolvency notices", and in one admirable essay Jenkins charts the economic history of the capital as one continuous mercantile cycle. It is perhaps foolish, then, for the more rarefied architectural historians to complain about the ugliness of much modern London architecture: it has always been an ugly city, built upon the imperatives of commerce rather than civilisation, and its nature is necessarily reflected both in its private dwellings and public monuments.

Jenkins has no doubt seen most of them. He is a great city walker although his essays on that subject, "The Finest Walk in London", might annoy his Cockney readers: he nominates for that grand title the route between Richmond and Ham which, to the Londoner, is mere countryside. The true walks have to be through alleys and courts, along narrow thoroughfares and decaying walls, where the only grass is to be glimpsed sprouting from the stones of desolate cemeteries. The great tradition in the city has been that of the solitary pedestrian; not the boulevardier or flaneur of Paris, but the continuous extended walking of a Londoner who in the course of a morning can reach districts as diverse as Bloomsbury and Clerkenwell, Islington and Whitechapel.

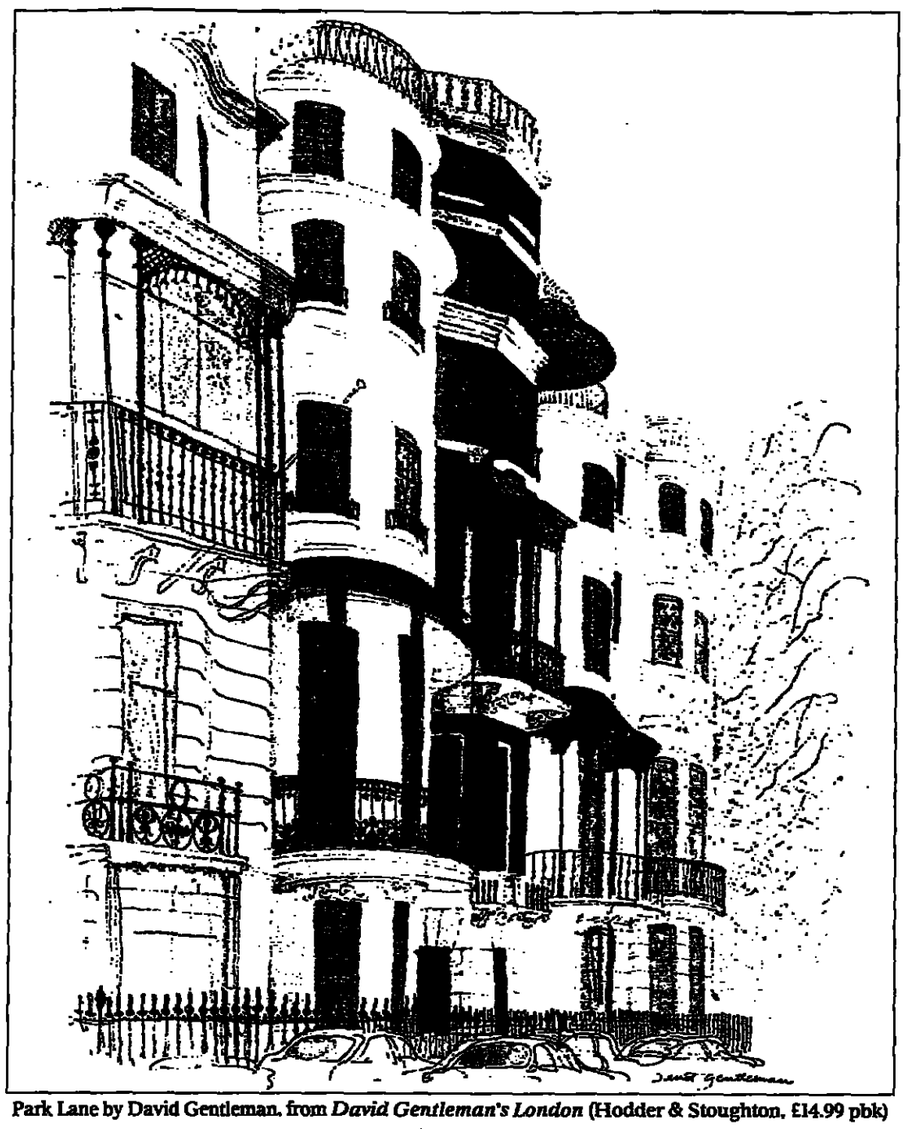
Jenkins himself has the soul of the lonely traveller who, after forsaking the suspect delights of Richmond, can expatiate on the peace of St Stephen Walbrook or the wonderful decay of Bunhill Fields. There is a fine essay here upon that great solace of the Londoner, the City churchyard, which is generally the home of vagrants or of office workers with their sandwiches: they seem to be guarding such blackened hearths of London as St Ann Blackfriars or St Peter upon Cornhill, waiting patiently for the fire to flare up again.

There has been much nonsense written recently about London as a theme park and Jenkins quite properly attacks the threnodic clichés of those cultural journalists who have pretended to lament the advent of museum culture or marketed nostalgia. Nothing of the kind is happening in London — it was much more of a historical theme park in the late 18th century, that great age of exhibitions and visual display. But the fundamental point is that Jenkins has too true a historical sense to be misled by contemporary fashions in journalism or anything else. One of the most spirited essays in this book, "Thank God For Tourists", celebrates the openness and plenitude of the great city while the finest piece in the collection describes the medieval barns and churches which are still to be found in the environs of Heathrow Airport.

There is an excellent appreciation of Pevsner, a charming account of the topographers of Hampstead and, perhaps more surprisingly, an even-handed disquisition on the work of Siefert — in which place he makes some remarks on the politics of London which might profitably have been extended. It is a clear loss, for example, that London no longer has a true metropolitan voice; the corporations and the City speak for one part of the past, but there has also always been a radical tradition in London with its own unique accent. It should not have been allowed to pass away. Or, rather, it has not passed away; it is simply awaiting its own restoration.

That is why Jenkins's central argument is so important. If there is a continuous theme here beyond the confines of London itself, it is his demand that the past be restored to living use — not ironised by post-modernists, or vandalised by politicians, or patronised by scholars, but returned to the citizens to whom it belongs. In one interesting polemic, "The Cult of the Ruin", Jenkins asserts "If there is a moral duty at stake, it is surely to pass the relics of the past in good order to the future." Of course each period "restores the past to its own taste", but that is the only way in which it can be kept alive.

This is as good an introduction as any to The London Encyclopaedia which, as a survey of London, is comprehensive enough to be for all practical purposes indispensable. A single page provides accounts of D.H. Evans, Evans Music-and-Supper Rooms of the 19th century, Evalina Children's Hospital, the Everyman Cinema and the Evil May Day of 1517. There are entries on every conceivable aspect of London history and topograph (including, in this revised edition, such new landmarks as the Groucho Club and Canary Wharf), all of which are written with panache and authority. If you want to know anything about the great fire at Harrods in 1883, the history of Ladbroke Grove, the Wild Beast Show on Peckham Common, or the great margarine manufacturers of Southall, this is the place to look. It is not without its moments of humour and, although it is too long a compendium to be devoured at once, it remains a perpetual instructive delight to those who, like Simon Jenkins, wish to be re-engaged with the past in a dialogue of the living.



Park Lane by David Gentleman, from *David Gentleman's London* (Hodder & Stoughton, £14.99 pbk)

PAPERBACKS

LIKE WATER FOR CHOCOLATE
By Laura Esquivel
Black Swan, £5.99

AFTER sex and shopping, sex and cooking. Esquivel's novel — a runaway success in her native Mexico and now a film — engagingly combines the worlds of food and fantasy in the story of Tita and Pedro. They are prevented from marrying for 22 years because Tita, as the youngest daughter, has to stay at home in the Mexican tradition to look after her ghastly mother. In despair, Pedro marries her sister Rosaura so that he can stay close to Tita, and the novel is one great sigh of longing, a sublimation of sex through cookery, with appropriate recipes supplied. Funny, surreal and steamy in every sense.

SIN
By Josephine Hart
Arrow, £5.99

COLD, envious Ruth, not content with stealing her cousin's clothes also steals her husband. This book is about possession driven by envy, and Josephine Hart's speciality, sexual obsession. The cousins are colour-coded; good, blonde Elizabeth wears unstructured white shirts; bad, brunette Ruth wears dark, clinging red and black. Hart does not allow these extreme personalities any human variety and only their young sons, described through their school reports, are wholly believable. Although Ruth gets her man, it is a pyrrhic victory as he never really surrenders himself and a tragedy finally eclipses her obsession. The images of this slick, stark tale linger in the mind but somehow they do not seem real.

●*Contributors: Hazel Leslie, Katherine Bergen*

The best action man in the business

Mark Le Fanu

A SIEGEL FILM
An Autobiography
By Don Siegel
Faber, £20

In the dawn of modern film studies in the sixties there was a long-lasting debate concerning who, from the pantheon of film-makers, deserved the accolade of "auteur" — and who had to be dismissed as merely a competent craftsman. Ford, Hawks, Welles, Renoir, Hitchcock, of course, were auteurs. Others, like John Huston, whom you might have thought belonged up there with the finest, were on investigation, deemed insufficiently rigorous: "less than meets the eye" in the opinion of Andrew Sarris, the American critic most associated with the debate.

Sarris had a soft spot for Don Siegel, a middle-ranking Hollywood director who during the fifties and sixties shot a number of powerful action films (*Riot in Cell Block 11*, filmed on location in one of America's toughest jails; *The Killers*, an acid thriller starring Lee Marvin and Clu Gulager, based on the short story by Hemingway) — as well as a cult science fiction film, *Invasion of the Body Snatchers* (1956). Subsequently his directorial name became linked to a cycle of non-Western Clint Eastwood pictures: *The Beguiled*, *Two Mules for Sister Sara* and, most notoriously, *Dirty Harry* (1972).

Is Siegel an auteur? Or rather was he, for the director died in 1991, a fact curiously omitted both from the cover and the introduction of what turns out to be a posthumous memoir. The question is not merely a theological one, since his autobiography is — like so many film books these days — nearly 500 pages long. Unless the films themselves have an intrinsic aesthetic merit, it is asking rather a lot of the general reader to hold out unaided until the last page.

As well as a problem of length there is a problem of proportion. Towards the end of his career, Siegel's energy tailed off, as happens with a number of directors. But the films in question — forgotten television fodder such as *Charley Varrick*, *The Black Windmill*, *Telefon* — are treated in this book in as much detail, if not more, as the movies which established his reputation.

There are other odd things about the book (in addition to its annoying lack of an index). Though it purports to be a full-dress memoir, it is in fact exclusively about Siegel's public, professional career — and here, it is true, he names names, and is admirably candid. However, one has to turn to an encyclopedia to fill in the gaps: to discover about his early life, for example, that he trained as an actor at Rada. This English interlude must be the origin of the curiously joshing, facetious, gentleman-Joe personality that comes over in the dialogue which liberally punctuates the narrative. Siegel, one notices, always gets the better of his adversaries, usually with his banter, sometimes with his fists. Trained first as an editor, and then as a second unit director — in which capacity he anonymously provided some of the best action sequences in the business — Siegel is every inch a man's man, in the same mould as his heroes Howard Hawks and Raoul Walsh. There is a lot of drinking and truculence in these memoirs, but also, it must be said, an engaging good humour, a real wit. One can't help quite liking the man, despite everything.

Ignore the longueurs, and the book contains fascinating information about Hollywood in its heyday: particularly about the vicious studio system which, under Jack Warner, "indentured" Siegel for ten unhappy years at the outset of his career. He got out, and became an independent film-maker, pioneering the way for others. I am not sure he is *quite* an auteur. As for his humanity, he boasts a lot in these pages, but maybe in the end he was a rather brave *mensch*.



Don Siegel: a man's man, like his hero Howard Hawks

Tumbler takes a fall

Stephen Davy

A BIG LIFE
By Susan Johnson
Faber, £14.99

ANOTHER GOOD LOVING BLUES
By Arthur Flowers
Secker & Warburg, £8.99 pbk original

From pink gins with the bright young things in the jazz bars of Alexandria, to fried breakfasts in Cockney boarding houses with double-jointed acrobats; Sue Johnson's second novel ranges through a fashionably vast and extraordinary array of social and geographical extremes.

Seen through the tinsel dusted eyes of tumbler Billy Hayes, the book teeters on the brink of magical realism but aims at something more ordinary though just as complex: to explore the inner life of a soaring idealist who inevitably must fall to earth.

Billy's appeal is his innocence, and the lustre of glamour he casts over the mundane. Childhood years of poverty in Sydney are suffused with a charged beauty.

Though Billy's career takes him to the London Palladium he is still exposed as an anachronism in the age of the big and small screen. As warning voices sound from a very different, humdrum world of practicalities — voices that startle us as much as Billy — we realise that our hero is exiled in mind as well as in body. Naivety not only makes him vulnerable, it is its own form of egotism. When he is finally tumbled out of dreamland and sued for divorce, we must reassess Billy as he does his life. Perhaps he is just as self-serving as his wife always seemed to be.

It is to Johnson's credit that this formidable tonal balancing does not falter but moves into another act, beyond pathos. After magic and realism comes a new conception of just where "the big life" really lies. It is in opening to the potency of more simple human joys. It is in the reopening of the heart after suffering.

Another Good Loving Blues has an equally distinctive voice. Flowers, like the blues players of whom he writes, is continually reinventing the language and its rhythms. The grammar and vocabulary of the blues and patois of the deep American South blend with a fine sense of black history and music.

This is the journey of "conjurwoman" Melvira Dupree and her lover Lucas Bodeen who has given his heart to playing the blues. The passing miles and years chart the trials and growth of their relationship as they learn to adapt to the changing face of the American deep south between the wars. The story has the weight and compass of an odyssey. As in *A Big Life*, the real goal is to learn to seek satisfaction beyond the small self, to learn to love.

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Ancestral verses

POETRY

Gareth Reeves and Michael Hofmann are both poets who are sons of poets, and it is difficult to read the work of either of them without thinking of things the father wrote before. Yet each is sufficiently his own man to make such comparisons seem more than usually odious.

Gareth Reeves's **Listening In** (*Carcanet, £6.95*) is his second collection, and it continues in that vein of quiet but quirky observation which he began with *Real Stories* (1984). His verse lacks drive or attack, but fashions something charming in their place — a chatty honesty about its own timidities. "Umbilical Cord", in which the poet faints when confronted by the imagined realities of birth at an antenatal class, is typical of the fun he makes of himself. Yet that poem ends bravely. *Take a deep breath. Now for the real thing*, and in a way it prepares us for the book's central achievement.

That achievement lies in the sequence entitled "Going Blind", in which he recalls his father James Reeves (1909-78), one of the finest neglected poets of the century. Where otherwise Gareth Reeves has tended to look for poems in neutral occasions, moments of doubt or hesitation, and fought shy of letting himself go, emotionally or intellectually, here he constructs nothing less than a living memorial in verse. His father's blindness, his love of music, his little cigars, his chiding of ambition (*He liked his high art to keep a low profile*), even his way of shaving himself by touch with an electric razor while sitting at his desk — all these things are woven into a portrait of the man which is the better (and the truer to its subject's own predilections) for being a series of overlapping snapshots.

Gareth Reeves's rhythms do not have that authority which comes from a congruent attention to form, but I suspect that in this regard he has reacted against what he knows he cannot match in his father's own work. No one could doubt the affection which has inspired this sequence.

The book also contains a good poem, "Gaps", about Norman Cameron, and another, "Bob Tombs", about Robert Graves. The latter has Graves saying to young Gareth, *Difficult being in the poetry biz/ with your dad*, and then noting *I had that problem too*, Robert Graves's father having been Alfred Perceval Graves, a minor Irish poet of some charm. By making his difficult poetic inheritance part of the subject of his verse, Gareth Reeves, paradoxically, has written his most original work to date.

In his last book of poems, *Acrimony* (1986), Michael Hofmann dealt with his relationship with his father, the German writer Gert Hofmann. The work in his new collection, **Corona, Corona** (*Faber, £12.99 and £5.99 pbk*) takes obvious delight in compassing an unusual variety of moods and matters. Here are poems about Hart Crane and Malcolm Lowry and travels in Mexico. I like their talkative impatience.

I don't like their deliberate eschewal of rhyme and metre and just about every other aid to memorability save a fastidious diction. Hofmann seems determined to prove that he can do without such things, as if they were luxuries removed from the kind of hard sense which he wants to offer. Perhaps they are, but it is notable that at best, as in the elegiac "A Minute's Silence", his lines hint at a form which they never quite achieve. The result is an articulation of grief the more moving for its restraint as poetic artifice; yet I cannot help thinking that Hofmann is denying himself too much for the sake of tone.

One poem, the exception which proves the rule, takes as its subject "The Late Richard Dadd, 1817-1886", *fairy-painter, father-slayer*. This has real force, and a chanting rhythm, and harks back even if playfully to the intensities of the father-son poems such as "Author, Author" in Michael Hofmann's earlier work. He is always an interesting writer, serious without being solemn, his father's son as well as his own man.

ROBERT NYE



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The opting-out machine rolls on

As England's 1,000th school prepares to escape local authority control, **John O'Leary** introduces the views of a politician, an authority official and a head



'It is easier to dream dreams than to make them work'
John Patten

Opting out may have slipped down the educational agenda as controversy raged over testing and curriculum issues, but the centrepiece of Conservative educational reform is about to return to the limelight.

Ministers are already preparing to celebrate England's 1,000th vote for grant-maintained status, and this week John Patten, the education secretary, will name the man who will head the new quango to administer the new sector. On the other side of the argument, a new pressure group, Parents Opposed to Opting Out, will see that the issue is kept before the public.

Both sides see the new school year as crucial to the government's plans for 2,000 schools to opt out before the next election. Not only is time running short to hit the target, but it remains to be seen how the political climate influences parents' decisions.

As ever, the statistics can be made to prove almost anything. Ministers stress the 83 per cent of last month's parental ballots in favour of opting out without mentioning that there were only 11; their opponents report a slowing of the trend, playing down the fact that they still lose most votes.

There can be little doubt about the popularity with parents of most of the schools that have opted out. But the momentum behind grant-maintained status, which seemed unstoppable a year ago, did appear to be faltering in the summer. In the secondary sector, which remains the government's chief target, 38 per cent of ballots went against change, and the proportion was higher still outside the limited area where opting out is most widespread.

A number of factors could be responsible. Some of the counties which have been the strongholds of opting out changed hands in May's local elections, and both the handling of the testing dispute and the slump in the government's popularity could have had an effect.

Eight local authorities still account for half of all grant-maintained secondary schools, and 42 authorities still have none. Although the overall numbers are boosted by increased opting out among primary schools, there must be a danger that the pool of secondary candidates will begin to run dry unless other parts of the country can be persuaded to join in more enthusiastically.

Mr Patten has a number of initiatives in mind to encourage them to do so, including a requirement for annual secret ballots by every governing body. He has already announced plans to convert existing schools into technology colleges, limiting eligibility to those in the grant-maintained sector. Before the end of the month he will add new measures designed to break into virtually uncharted territory in the north-west and north-east.

He expects the Funding Agency for Schools, which will come into operation next April, to prove a catalyst for further development. The new agency is already set to share responsibility for secondary school admissions in almost 50 local authority areas, and Mr Patten expects at least half of the authorities to be in this position by April. In addition, he is confident that groups of parents and voluntary organisations will take advantage of the opportunity to set up their own schools.

By next year, the first schools judged to be failing their pupils and taken under the control of education associations, could also be grant-maintained. And, Treasury willing, there may be opted-out schools specialising in the arts or modern languages, as well as technology.

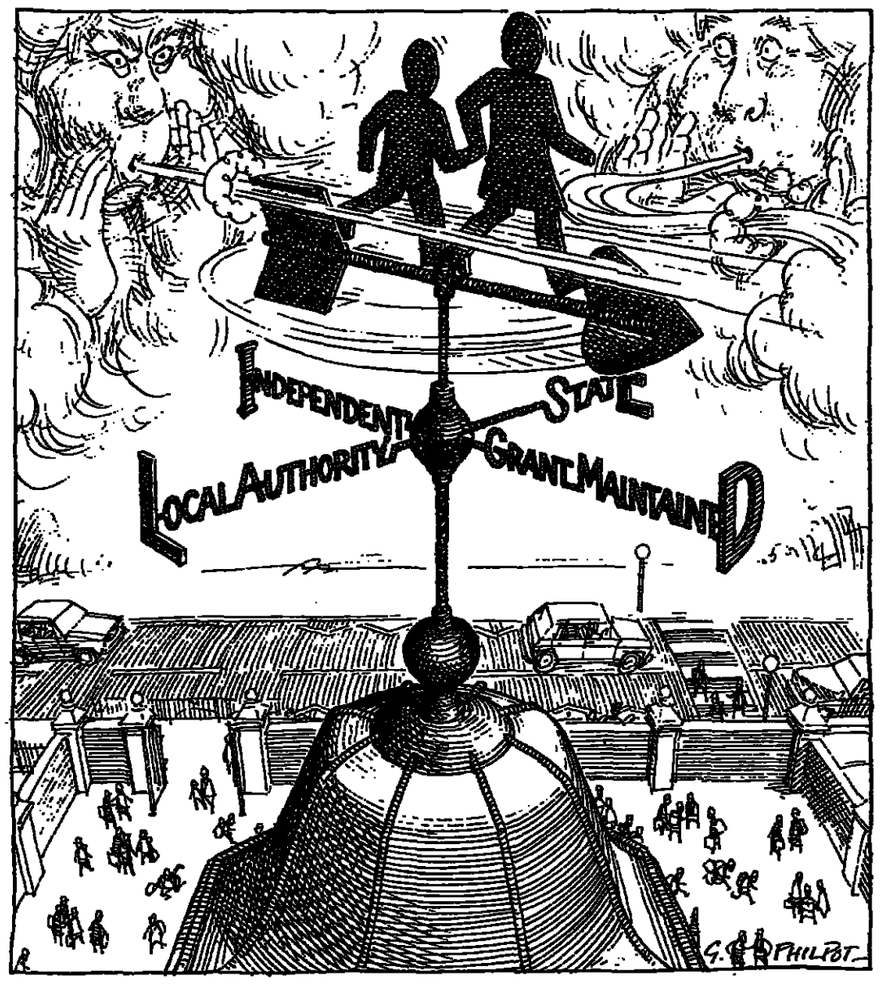
"It is easier to dream dreams than to make them work," Mr Patten says. "But we are seeing a number of things fitting together so that I think we will have between a half and two-thirds of secondary schools grant-maintained by the time we go into an election. That will mean an irreversible change."

Ann Taylor, Labour's education spokeswoman, disagrees. Her party conference reinforced the commitment to abolishing grant-maintained status and returning schools to local authority control.

"The political contrast in education could not be clearer," Mrs Taylor says. "Labour wants to take power away from the centre and give it back to local people; Mr Patten wants to run all 24,000 schools from Whitehall. To opt for GM status is to opt into central control."



'Labour wants to take power away from the centre'
Ann Taylor



Seven years after the revolution

Michael Fallon makes a time traveller's report on the death of the last LEA

It is the year 2000, and the Funding Agency for Schools has confirmed that Durham Education Authority, the last of the old-style LEAs, is to be wound up. This summer's succesful ballot at Grimshaw Comprehensive took the number of grant-maintained schools in the county over the 75 per cent threshold set by the 1993 Education Act.

Durham was one of a dwindling band of mainly northern councils that hung on to its schools monopoly in the late 1990s before yielding to the inevitable pressure from parents and governors for independence. Durham's functions now pass to the Funding Agency though the council will continue to handle welfare work such as truancy and the assessment of pupils with special needs.

In its seventh annual report, the agency reports substantial progress: From just 1,000 grant-maintained schools in October 1993, it now looks after more than 10,000. But there have been big changes along the way.

The total number of schools has dropped sharply. Almost 500 under-subscribed secondary schools have closed, as have scores of small primary schools. Exact numbers are hard to compare with 1993 because of the emergence of "cluster" schools sharing specialist teachers and senior management.

There has also been a sharp decline in the number of surplus places. Funding by pupil numbers according to a simple national formula, and the regular publication of GCSE scores on a school-by-school basis, have helped to drive up parental expectations, and thus to eliminate spare capacity.

The seven-year summary of school results, already familiar to parents making their choice of school and to governors in setting fixed-term performance-related contracts for their headteachers, will be of interest to researchers in both the surviving university education departments.

They will see that the big surge to grant-maintained status came in the mid-1990s. The reduction of the prescribed curriculum, following Lord Dearing's last report, to no more than 50 per cent of the then school day, allowed secondary schools to specialise from age 11 onwards. Music schools, concentrating on the performing arts, are now as common as technology colleges: the European schools offer a second and third modern language in most big cities; and there are now science academies in every industrial conurbation.

Two later changes, though small, have been equally significant. The abolition of the education department's infamous "basic need" rule which preventing successful schools from expanding, and new schools from starting up, within two miles of an existing, under-subscribed school, triggered a wave of interest. New schools have been promoted by the churches, by voluntary organisations and by companies with a long-standing commitment to better education such as Ford, British Aerospace and Grand Met.

The second key change has been the opening up of the provision of capital to private investment. Training companies, further education colleges and commercial interests are all now in partnership with grant-maintained schools in the development of new facilities. Language laboratories, high technology equipment and sports halls, built, owned and managed by the private sector, are leased out to schools, often with "packages" of specialist teaching.

Consistently over-subscribed schools now receive allocations of capital, as well as current, spending on a per pupil basis, allowing them to service their loans and to build up reserves for future development.

The agency has been wise enough to compensate thorough its "Sheffield" formula those schools whose former councils diverted education spending on to other prestige projects during the 1980s.

Among the success stories three particular types of school can be identified: those which were enthusiastic about grant-maintained status from the start; the church schools who spotted earlier than most the pent-up demand for a sounder moral basis for primary education — though, according to the agency, parents find the Catholic faith test "harder than ever"; and the new entrants, set up to compete for the custom of dissatisfied parents.

A fourth group deserves particular praise, says the agency. All but a handful of the "Association Schools" forcibly removed from council control because of serious concern over standards, are now making "steady progress up the ladder".

The agency is predictably diplomatic about the least expected development of all — the sudden flood of applications for grant-maintained status, in the late 1990s, from independent schools. The agency's guiding principle of "contract, not control" appears to have been the key to what it calls "opting-in" by hundreds of independent schools happy to contract for specified numbers of state-funded pupils. According to the report, only a handful of traditional boarding schools now remain outside the newly unified system.

Overall, the picture that emerges from the report is of an education system light years away from that which preceded the original 1988 Reform Act. The uniform council monopoly has given way to a multifarious range of schools catering for different abilities and interests.

The Funding Agency rightly rejoices in the local variety among schools up and down the country, and acknowledges the importance to the system of encouraging new promoters.

Indeed, it is hard to recall now how much used to be prescribed centrally — that the length of the school day was once restricted by law, or, when schools now set their own pay, that teachers' maximum hours were once laid down in statute. Who now remembers the national jargon of "key stages", "attainment targets" and "age-weighted units" that once blighted education?

Looking back over its first seven years, the agency notes with quiet pride the recent tribute of Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Schools, Sir George Walden, to "a vitality, rigour and self-confidence not seen before in English education in my lifetime".

● *The author, a former education minister, is chairing a seminar today at the Social market Foundation on new investment in state education.*

We can work this out together

Education authorities still have a vital role to play, argues **Kathleen Higgins**

When the White Paper *Choice and Diversity*, arrived in Hillingdon last year, it was closely followed by the *BBC Newsnight* film crew and the Radio 4 car. Why such national interest?

The reason is simple: Hillingdon at that time had some 56 per cent of its secondary pupils in grant-maintained schools and would be one of the authorities most affected by the proposals on opting out.

This had occurred because of a variety of local circumstances in 1990: the change in political control locally; the government's requirement that 4,000 surplus school places in Hillingdon be removed, and the danger of non opted-out schools closing; rate-capping and the subsequent loss of £28 million from the council's budget.

These changes had far-reaching effects and resulted in a clarity of thinking about the future, the streamlining of services and the removal of much bureaucracy. Despite these improvements, 80 per cent of the secondary children are now in grant-maintained schools, while in the primary sector the figure is 13 per cent.

Hillingdon Council has always wanted to ensure that parents make an informed choice on the issue of grant-maintained schools and recognise the significant contribution that the local authority can offer through partnership with all schools in the borough. Grant-maintained schools are represented on the education and community services committee, and their heads are invited to attend meetings and conferences. The authority has also worked in partnership with opted-out schools to guarantee community facilities, such as dual use of sports halls when the contracts went out to tender.

Two issues in particular seem to clarify the changing relationship between the local authority and grant-maintained schools: the allocation of school places and the sale of the authority's services. Because of the funding arrangements for grant-maintained schools, Hillingdon stands to lose £2.2 million from its education budget this financial year. But it can recoup some of that money by selling its services to the schools it has lost, provided they are of good quality and at the right price. In 1993-94, £1 million worth of services have been bought in by local schools in Hillingdon. This year's Education Act, however, makes the future of such arrangements uncertain.

From the start, grant-maintained school headteachers recognised the complexity of admission arrangements in an urban community, and there was early agreement on term dates, information and publicity to parents. However, events did not go as smoothly in the winter of 1992/3 as all had hoped. Initially, some 400 children did not receive an offer of a secondary school place, although by this summer all children had been placed.

As a result, there were discussions on admissions with the Department for Education, and some of the authority's ideas were taken on board in the Education Act. The act identifies some key roles for local education authorities, including the removal of surplus places. But it does not make clear how the new partnership with the Funding Agency will work.

Who will chair the understandably volatile public meeting when there is a proposal to close the local school? Who will be the publicly accountable body when the decision is taken? Who will manage the complex and sensitive tasks associated with the closure of schools?

To work effectively, the authority must understand children's and parents' needs and advise them of their rights. In Hillingdon, for example, there has been no significant increase in exclusion of children from local authority or grant-maintained schools, because the schools co-operate with each other and also use the authority's behaviour management support team in a preventative way.

Clearly, the act heralds a new relationship between grant-maintained schools and the local authority. It opens the "secret garden" of education to people from business and the community, and that is to be welcomed; but there is still a need for a contribution from the professional.

The introduction of the Funding Agency will create a new infrastructure for the service. But its accountability to parents, the community and schools needs clear definition if it is to establish its credibility and not become merely a further level of distant bureaucracy.

● *The author is the director of education and community services in the London borough of Hillingdon.*

Taking risks without a safety net

Robert Lloyd, head at Hendon School, explains how full autonomy has turned decline into success

In schools the length and breadth of Britain the debate rages — do we opt out or not? The government's intention is clear: grant-maintained status is the future direction for all secondary schools and very many primary ones. The response from schools is still uncertain.

At Hendon School, however, it is not an issue. The school has operated under grant-maintained status (gms) since September 1989, one of the plucky first 18 that braved the odds and uncertainty and ventured into what was then unknown. Now gms is simply part of the context in which the school operates. There will be some among the staff, parents and even among the governing body who may still question the philosophy and principles of opting out, but I doubt if any would challenge that it has brought great benefits.

In 1989 Hendon School was on its last legs: intake was dropping, buildings were neglected and morale was low. It faced a notice of closure. Four years on the picture is different. The school is over-subscribed, buildings have been renovated and improved, spending on books and teaching equipment has trebled. Staffing, especially for pupils with special needs, has been increased; instrumental music lessons have been extended; there is a new sense of direction and a clear vision for the school's future.

That such a turnround been achieved is due enormously to the dedication of the staff and the determination of the governors and parents. But the mechanism that has made it possible has been the acquisition of grant-maintained status.

Success has been achieved however, not because gms provides a pot of gold. Much has been made of the generous capital grants for some grant-maintained schools. Each year since 1989, Hendon has made a bid for a new building to replace its crumbling temporary classrooms; only at the fourth attempt was it successful. Nor is the recurrent grant particularly generous. It is subject to prolonged negotiation between the education department, the local authority and the school. The final figure differs very little from that which would have been obtained as a local authority school — plus, significantly, its per capita share of central local authority expenditure.

More important to the success of the school than money is the autonomy that gms provides; gms is about giving parents, governors and staff total responsibility for all aspects of the life and management of the school. At Hendon it is this sense of ownership which has led to a decrease in maintenance costs occurring as a result of petty damage and vandalism, brought parents in at weekends to paint and decorate, and enhanced the school's sense of self-belief, purpose and its direction.

But autonomy also brings responsibility. There is now no local authority to whom the buck can be passed or to act as a scapegoat. Nor, for that matter, is there a local authority for the staff to turn to redeploy them if numbers in the school were to fall.

The whole school is aware that we have to do the best we possibly can for our pupils, not just for their sake but because it is the only basis on which the school itself will thrive and develop. This gives the sense of commitment and purpose which characterises so many grant-maintained schools and which is enabling them to lead the way forward for the education system.

Many will say that all this can be achieved through local management of schools operating within the local authority. Why go further and break the links with the authority? But local management is only half a loaf; gms is a whole cake. Any local authority, however benign, however much it delegates, will always be there, absorbing resources and taking the ultimate responsibility — preventing the school achieving real autonomy, responsibility and accountability.

There needs to be a recognition that the risk of failure is intrinsic to the driving force which enables grant-maintained schools to achieve success. Without it, self-government is meaningless. The education secretary and his department must have the confidence to risk schools failing — and the statutory mechanisms now exist to enable the pieces to be picked up. The alternative is to monitor and support (i.e. control) autonomy out of existence.



Robert Lloyd has seen the benefits emerge as a result of Hendon's pioneering decision to opt out

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1,225.00	Bk of Ireland	261	+5	...	4.7	20.0
27.70	Bk Leumi UK	350	...	17.0	6.1	...
2,204.00	Bank Scotland	190	+13	4.5	3.0	28.5
9,044.00	Barclays	500	+26	...	...	...
5.63	Benchmark	3½	...	...	...	...
5.94	Carlisle	19½	+1½	...	...	...
142.70	Cater Allen	592	+14	27.0	5.7	...
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670.40	Hambros	382	+7	14.0	4.6	17.6
22.20	Joseph (L)	423	+5	16.6	4.9	...
22.60	King Shaxson	143	...	9.0	7.9	...
645.00	Kleinwort Ben	489	+12	16.0	4.1	17.0
7,179.20	Lloyds	580	-24	18.4	4.1	16.0
55.30	Lon Scot Bk	93	-6	3.0	4.0	18.4
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365.60	Provident	424	-3	11.4	3.4	18.4
20.40	Rea Bros	52	...	0.5	1.2	56.3
2,747.20	Ryl Bk Scot	346	-10	8.8	3.2	...
1,300.90	Schroders	1288	+13	...	1.1	25.7
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3,415.50	TSB	225	+5	6.4	3.6	...
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1,814.40	Warburg SG	840	+43	...	2.8	21.2
4,653.40	Wells Fargo	8400	-62½	...	1.6	...
2,910.30	Westpac	166	-2	...	4.7	...
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323.20	Boddington	268	+10	7.3	3.4	15.6
235.20	Bulmer (HP)	448	+5	...	2.8	19.6
31.80	Burtonwd Brw	153	-5	4.7	3.9	12.8
24.70	Eldridge P 'A'▲	127	-1	...	3.2	33.6
1,979.60	Fosters Brewing	61½	+4½	...	4.3	∞
86.50	Fullr Sm 'A'▲	428	-7	...	2.2	18.3
8,702.40	Grand Met	420	+4	12.3	3.7	13.9
776.60	Greenalls Grp	373	+7	11.7	3.9	12.4
236.90	Greene King	560	...	...	2.7	15.8
8,212.70	Guinness	409 †	-10½	...	3.6	15.3
65.00	Hardy Hansn	260	...	7.9	3.8	14.4
3.05	Heavitree▲	120	...	3.0	3.3	28.6
411.60	Highland Distl	329	-4	6.0	2.3	21.9
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110.90	Morland	523	-12	8.4	2.0	20.8
5.53	Paramount▲	11	+1½	...	2.1	∞
28.70	Regent Inns	196	+6	4.5	2.9	∞
5,859.40	SA Breweries	1083	+2	...	2.5	18.4
1,971.20	Scot & New	466 †	+15½	...	4.5	14.5
214.20	Taunton Cider	196	-6	6.0	3.8	16.0
344.60	Vaux Group	249	+11	9.3	4.7	17.2
107.10	Wetherspoon JD	342	+10	...	1.8	27.6
2,369.20	Whitbread 'A'	523	+3	...	4.2	14.1
196.80	-do- 'B'	1200	-188	...	1.8	30.1
320.30	Wolvrhmptn D	486	+17	11.4	2.9	13.7
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39.20	Allen▲	147	+14	...	4.3	33.3
242.40	Amec	120	+5	3.0	...	21.9
2.48	Anglia Sec	7½	-½	...	...	...
70.20	Ashstead▲	312	+5	4.5	1.8	31.9
361.70	Attwoods	128	-1	5.0	4.9	18.5
1,312.30	BPB Ind	264	-5	...	3.6	45.4
35.30	Baggeridge Brk	89	-1	3.1	4.4	24.9
2.82	Bailey (Ben) Con	27	...	0.5	2.6	...
19.00	Barcom	102	-3	1.2	1.5	18.5
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48.40	Higgs & Hill	110	...	...	2.5	2.9
11.90	How Gp	29 †	+3½	...	...	...
5.27	Howard Hldgs	21	...	0.5	3.0	...
167.70	Ibstock Johnsen	67	-7	1.0	1.9	...
12.50	Jarvis	18½	+½	...	...	...
141.10	Laing (J)	308	+5	9.0	3.7	12.3
49.40	-do- 6.4% Cv Pf	123	...	...	6.5	...
8.62	Ln Clydeside▲	95	...	4.5	5.9	35.8
15.40	Lovell (YJ)	18½	...	...	...	8.4
122.10	Manders	323	-1	9.0	3.5	19.8
445.60	Marley	157½	+2½	4.2	3.3	46.2
137.30	Marshalls	113	+7	...	4.4	77.8
44.00	Maunders (J)	178	...	4.9	3.5	16.3
122.00	McAlpine (A)	216	+2	6.5	3.8	37.4
29.50	McCarthy & S	42	-1	0.5	...	...
528.20	Meyer Int	433	+8	...	2.9	43.4
118.20	Mowlem (J)	109 †	...	4.0	4.6	...
26.40	NSM	154	+2	...	...	...
9.01	Needler▲	48	...	...	3.7	22.4
177.40	Newman Tnks	147	+7	...	...	19.6
286.70	Persimmon	392	...	8.6	3.7	29.8
2.70	Phoenix Timber	11½ †	-1	...	...	...
15.90	Pochins	1525	...	29.0	2.4	∞
103.90	Prowting	162	+2	3.4	2.6	...
1.63	Quiligotti▲	2 #	...	...	...	...
1,613.10	RMC Gp	823 †	+19½	...	3.0	30.9
156.90	Raine Ind	83½	-7½	3.0	4.5	∞
2.26	Ramus▲	20	...	...	...	...
2,737.10	Redland	542 †	-6½	25.0	5.8	31.5
10.60	Roskel	71	...	4.3	7.7	10.3
810.50	Rugby Group	277	+4	6.4	2.9	21.2
9.71	Svrtid-Rvee▲	62	+12	...	0.5	...
26.90	Sharpe & Fisher	130 †	+½	...	3.8	22.6
151.30	Sheffield Insl	232	+1	...	2.9	56.9
17.50	Sheriff Hldgs▲	167	...	...	1.5	24.9
2.88	Shorco▲	84	...	...	7.7	19.1
22.70	Sman (J)	225	...	8.5	4.7	10.2
10.10	Starmin	3	...	...	...	...
1,311.90	Tarmac	143 †	...	5.5	4.8	...
37.90	Try Homes	173	+1	5.8	4.2	11.1
526.40	Taylor Woodrw	12½	+8	1.0	1.0	...
204.50	Tilbury Dougls	605 †	+15½	33.0	6.8	19.7
3.76	Torex Hire▲	37	...	...	1.4	...
275.10	Travis Perkins	270 †	-½	8.0	3.7	47.5
13.00	Try Group	30	+1	1.0	4.2	8.5
2.73	Tudor▲	25	...	...	1.3	...
40.90	Vibroplant	89	+6	2.5	3.5	32.0
23.10	Ward Hldgs	44	...	...	...	...
0.83	Waterhouse	33	...	...	...	...
88.40	Watts Blake	425 †	+3½	...	3.5	18.3
2.42	Wescol▲	23	+2	...	...	∞
109.10	Westbury	164	-2	5.0	3.8	25.6
3.92	West Scaffolde▲	7½	...	...	...	...
	Wiggins	3½ †	½	...	...	...
350.80	Wilson Bowdn	452	-8	8.7	2.4	31.0
356.30	Wilson (C)	188	-3	3.9	2.6	32.6
631.00	Wimpey G	175	+2	...	3.8	...
4.75	YRM	36	+2	0.5	1.7	...

BUSINESS SERVICES

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
804.00	ADT	579	-56	...	...	...
9.76	Adam & Harvey	228	...	12.0	6.6	4.2
6.65	Air London▲	75	...	...	5.8	9.3
3.31	African Lakes	47	...	2.0	5.3	...
116.20	Auto Sec	102	-43	...	8.5	18.3
1,233.10	BET Ord	132	+4	...	3.1	5.3
24.90	BNB Res	103	+2	4.9	5.9	...
81.30	BPP	309	-2	8.0	3.2	17.0
36.00	Barbour Index	217	-2	8.0	4.6	14.8
23.00	Boustead	22	+4	...	1.0	...
59.00	Brit Data Mgt	243 †	+3½	4.7	2.4	17.7
3.98	Broadcastle▲	25	...	...	1.3	19.9
7.71	Brooks Service	64	-1	...	...	...
52.80	CRT Gp	100	...	...	3.5	17.7
97.70	Capita Group	185	-3	...	1.4	28.9
34.40	Cashet Plc	43	...	...	2.3	16.5
20.40	Colliers Capital	22	...	...	...	...
11.70	Christie	50	...	...	...	...
994.70	Chubb Sec	356	+7	...	1.7	22.1
5.78	Comac▲	93	-2	...	2.1	22.5
12.40	Corp Services	33	+2½	...	...	...
15.70	Cottts Cnslig	66	+11	...	...	...
17.40	Dart	114	+11	3.3	3.6	15.5
239.10	Davis Service	225	-4	...	4.4	16.9
5.10	EW Fact▲	95	...	4.3	5.7	10.9
33.20	Gardiner	31	+½	0.6	...	21.5
1,052.10	Hays	261 †	+12	5.3	2.5	∞
163.30	Hogg Robinsn	236	+9	...	3.5	17.2
17.30	Holmes Protectn	39	...	...	...	2.4
7,399.80	Hutch Whamp	213	-5	...	2.3	17.8
516.30	ISS B DKr	1987½	+12½	...	5.2	2.7
2,792.90	Inchcape	533	+14	...	3.3	17.2
171.20	Johnson Clean	869	+13	25.7	3.7	19.0
92.20	Lep	10	...	...	...	...
31.50	Mide Gp	279	...	3.5	1.6	21.7
763.40	Manpower	1026	-39	...	...	...
35.90	Michael Page	60	-1½	1.8	3.8	25.5
6.06	Penna▲	128	-2	...	9.8	4.8
1.13	Prime People▲	2½	...	...	...	...
53.00	Proudfoot Alex	85 †	-2	...	...	4.7
41.40	RCO	387	...	12.8	4.5	13.3
7.38	REA	87	+1	4.0	...	...
55.30	Reed Executive	108	+2	...	...	...
25.30	Reliance Sec▲	112	-2	...	5.0	24.3
2,103.80	Rentokil	216	+9½	2.3	1.3	26.9
14.20	Rolfe & Nolan	251	+1	...	3.6	14.2
1,016.90	Salvesen (C)	352	-3	...	2.8	19.5
3.20	Scott Pickford▲	37	-1	...	2.7	11.8
20.40	Select App▲	9½	+1½	...	...	...
135.50	Serco Gp	1178	+30	14.0	1.5	32.6
9.03	Sherwd Cmp▲	148	...	...	5.9	4.3
62.10	Sketchley	107	+7	...	3.5	24.5
81.50	Warner Howrd	344	...	6.5	2.4	18.0
14.20	Welpac	32	...	...	...	...
34.20	Wills Gp	24½	+1	0.4	2.0	∞

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
648.90	Allied Colloids	247	+2	...	2.2	21.7
487.40	Amersham	855	+5	...	2.0	29.6
18.40	Anglo Utd	2	...	...	...	...
6,134.40	BASF DM	£107¼	+202½	...	6.2	...
382.90	BTP	285	-15	...	4.1	19.6
8,308.10	Bayer DM50	£129¾	+309½	...	4.3	...
75.80	Blagden	160	-3	0.5	...	17.6
77.60	Brent Chems	115 †	+2½	...	8.0	10.5
137.80	Br Bio-Tech	380	+2	...	...	...
7.15	Caird Gp	12½	...	...	13.3	34.7
46.10	Canning (W)	163 †	+10	7.2	5.6	18.7
1,969.60	Courtaulds	490	-6	...	3.6	13.0
433.90	Croda	331	+1	...	2.9	19.0
13.70	Doeflex	127	-6	4.6	4.6	9.6
180.10	Ellis & Everard	218	+5	...	4.0	20.8
10.50	Euro Colour	35	...	0.8	2.9	21.4
101.60	Halstead (J)	341	-8	6.5	2.4	∞
315.60	Hickson	182	...	...	3.5	16.9
6,799.90	Hoechst	£115	+250	...	3.2	...
192.30	Holliday Chem	225	-4	...	2.1	20.7
5,256.10	ICI	729	+13	...	4.7	...
1,292.40	Laporte	677	+26	19.5	3.6	18.7
138.70	Leigh	217	-3	...	4.5	20.9
14.80	MTM	57	-2	...	...	...
3,851.10	Norsk Hydro	1875	-37½	...	1.5	26.7
112.50	Paterson Zoch	461	...	11.4	3.1	19.9
96.40	-do- 'A'	419	...	11.4	3.4	18.1
114.00	Plysu	240	+3	...	3.6	15.7
42.00	Porvair	273	+8	3.6	1.6	29.2
30.40	Sutcliffe Speak	54	-1	...	...	...
112.40	Wardle Storeys	455	+1	16.0	4.4	18.3
38.80	Wlmshme R	325 †	+12	17.0	4.0	18.0
175.10	Yorks Chem	394	-3	...	2.5	20.6
209.30	Yule Catto	246 †	+½	5.9	3.0	15.0
7,134.80	Zeneca	755	-27	...	4.6	44.6

DRAPERY, STORES

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
37.90	Alexon	66	...	...	...	...
70.90	Amber Day	61	-11	3.1	6.4	16.7
1,036.50	Argos Plc	349 †	+7½	...	2.5	29.8
20.40	Ashley Group	14½	-1	...	...	...
227.90	Ashley (Laura)	97	+9	0.1	0.1	...
252.20	Asprey	316	-1	5.1	2.0	21.9
45.90	Austin Reed	150	+10	...	2.1	...
71.00	Beattie (J) 'A'	153	+3	...	4.9	15.4
43.60	Bentalls	104	-2	1.9	2.3	...
211.70	Betterware	208	...	...	1.2	24.9
14.60	Blacks Leis	46	+5	2.2	6.1	...
316.40	Body Shop	169	-6	...	1.3	21.8
81.70	Brown & Jacksn	12½	...	...	0.8	6.3
204.20	Brown (N)	403	+3	...	2.3	23.7
1,087.60	Burton	77½	+4	...	3.2	...
25.70	Camnes	155 †	+2	4.0	3.2	∞
37.60	Church	348	+3	12.5	4.5	31.0
28.00	Clinton Cards	165	+9	4.2	3.2	19.9
1,672.00	Coats Viyella	225	+21	...	3.3	38.0
20.90	Colourvision▲	103	...	5.6	6.8	18.5
173.90	Courts Furnish	710	+15	3.5	1.0	8.9
2.16	Crown Eyes	135	...	...	6.5	9.2
2,008.90	Dairy Farm Intl	121	+1	...	3.0	17.8
104.90	Dewhirst (I)	83½	+1	1.0	1.5	36.8
1,080.90	Dixons Grp	274	+19½	...	2.8	...
624.00	Dunhill	367	-3	8.1	2.8	14.3
5.16	ERA Gp	9	...	...	...	73.8
6.36	Elys (Wimbldn)	330	...	16.0	3.8	18.2
18.50	Essex Furn	162	-1	...	2.1	27.4
166.50	Etam	258	-10	6.9	3.4	21.5
468.80	Fine Art Dev	589	...	12.7	2.7	19.2
3.88	Fired Earth Tiles	68	...	...	...	...
13.40	Forminster	588	+13	14.0	3.1	10.3
23.60	French Connc▲	149	...	...	...	...
22.40	Gent SR	62	...	2.1	4.3	∞
15.10	Goldsmiths Gp	69	...	0.3	0.5	...
210.20	GUS	3863 †	-157	...	1.4	30.4
5,178.50	-do- 'A'	2143 †	-36	...	2.6	16.8
3.74	Hampden Grp▲	25	-2	...	5.0	12.4
68.10	Harstone	65	...	...	5.4	...
33.80	Helene Plc	27	...	2.0	9.5	12.5
3.27	Heritage▲	74	+1	...	...	...
5.60	Honeysuckle▲	69	-3	...	1.8	9.8
13.80	Jacques Vert	145	-3	...	2.6	11.1
4,409.00	Kingfisher	664	+22	...	2.6	22.0
21.60	Leslie Wise Gp	68	...	4.0	7.4	14.0
95.40	Liberty	575 †	+2	7.2	1.6	67.7
331.40	Lloyds Chem	281	+19	7.2	3.3	∞
837.20	MFI	144	-½	...	3.3	30.3
11,072.00	Marks Spencer	400	+14	...	2.5	22.0
317.50	Menzies (John)	571	+2	...	3.4	16.2
38.70	Moss Bros	232	+3	5.5	3.0	27.2
715.90	Next	194	+3	2.5	1.6	23.0
9.35	Oliver (G)	37	+1	...	...	...
159.10	Ordiame Ind	298	...	...	4.0	14.6
64.80	Penms	45	+2	1.5	...	9.4
76.60	QS Hldgs	195	+5	5.1	3.4	13.8
22.00	Rhino Grp▲	41	-½	...	...	...
171.20	Sherwood Gp	154 †	+1	...	2.1	13.9
1,749.30	Sears	116	+4	...	3.8	...
85.00	Signet Group	29	+1	...	...	...
1,251.20	Smith WH 'A'	459	+21	...	3.9	15.0
2.80	Specialeyes▲	18	+1	...	...	...
874.40	Storehouse	211	-4	...	3.0	27.2
99.00	T & S Stores	155 †	+5½	5.9	4.8	11.5
80.50	Tie Rack	156	+1	1.0	0.8	25.5
121.20	Time Products	230	+10	7.5	4.1	19.6
8.39	Usher (Frank)▲	120 †	+1½	...	6.3	∞
19.80	Vivat	36	-1	1.0	3.5	11.1
2.54	Wensum▲	34	...	...	6.7	...
404.40	Wickes	108	+1	...	0.2	49.0
5.53	Wid of Leather▲	68	...	...	...	...
57.40	Wyevale▲	187	-1	...	2.7	24.7
5.78	Xtra-vision▲	3½	...	...	...	...

ELECTRICALS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
324.50	ACT Group	176	...	...	3.6	17.7
35.20	Acal▲	243	+3	...	3.2	16.9
60.40	Acorn Comp▲	91	-3	...	...	46.1
49.10	Admiral	455	...	5.4	1.5	19.2
77.80	Alba	168	-2	...	3.6	21.1
12.40	Alphameric	46	+4	...	...	...
290.60	Amstrad	50	+5½	0.5	1.3	∞
14.70	App Holo▲	71	-1	...	...	...
25.30	Arlen	42	+6	...	...	...
246.20	Astec	80	+1½	...	0.4	...
24.10	Beales Hunter	245	...	...	4.8	15.1
2.65	Bennett & Fount	3½	-½	...	...	...
1,482.10	BICC	422	-5	19.2	5.8	...
115.50	Blick	464	...	9.2	2.5	18.1
326.60	Borland▲	1150	...	...	...	...
594.40	Bowthorpe	360	+4	6.3	2.2	23.4
27,709.80	BT	449½	+13	...	4.4	21.1
5,993.70	BT P/P	198½	+9½	...	4.3	21.6
3.25	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	12½	+1½	0.1	1.0	...
35.00	Burnfield	102	-1	5.7	7.0	16.1
9,799.10	Cable Wireless	899	+14	...	2.1	23.5
63.00	Chloride	26	+3½	...	...	...
47.40	CML Micro▲	271	...	...	2.2	19.7
14.60	Comptr People	105	+3	0.6	0.8	...
319.60	Cray Elect	145	-2½	...	1.3	14.9
49.50	Critchley	429	+1	...	1.8	∞
781.40	Delta	528	-8	...	3.3	22.1
15.60	Densmans El▲	359	...	...	2.1	15.3
115.20	Domino	450	-18	7.2	2.0	15.4
93.80	Dowding Mills	64	+2	...	4.9	27.4
70.70	Druck▲	1105	+2	10.0	1.1	23.6
107.20	Electrocompnts	432	-7	...	2.3	17.6
48.70	El Data Prc	560	...	5.1	1.1	15.4
33.30	Electron House	129	-1	2.6	2.5	28.3
24.40	Emess	23	...	0.1	0.5	...
277.10	Eurotherm	620	+20	8.0	1.6	28.2
744.70	FKI	168	+9½	...	2.2	24.6
61.00	Farnell Elect	456	-1	...	1.7	24.1
7.44	Feedback▲	88	...	...	2.1	11.5
79.50	Ferranti	8½	-1½	...	...	...
40.70	First Tech	274	+14	...	0.5	22.8
20.70	Forward Gp▲	257	-2	...	1.6	23.2
6.46	Forward Tech	19	...	...	...	...
9,989.10	GEC	365½	+10½	10.3	3.5	18.3
118.40	Graseby	187	+1	...	7.3	39.3
9.57	Graystone	10	-1	...	...	...
1.35	Hilclare▲	36 †	+½	...	1.7	...
6.79	INSTEM▲	142	-1	...	2.8	10.1
66.80	Jones Stroud	378	...	...	2.8	15.2
4.00	Kembrey	14	...	0.1	1.4	...
126.60	Kenwood App	345	+1	...	2.8	19.4
29.00	Kewill Sys▲	243	+9	...	...	...
16.10	Kode	173	+8	5.5	4.0	20.5
4.51	Laser-Scan▲	28	-3	...	...	...
46.10	LBMS▲	257	-3	...	0.4	36.2
14.50	Lec Refrig	240	...	9.0	4.7	...
239.40	Life Sciences	141	+5	3.5	3.1	15.3
159.30	Logica	259	+6	4.0	1.9	∞
4.51	LPA Ind▲	54	...	...	8.1	15.2
115.40	MB Data Mngmt	209	-9	5.1	3.2	∞
161.30	Macro 4	713	+25	...	2.1	21.7
117.60	Memvier-Sw▲	241 †	-1	...	1.9	21.3
204.40	Micro Focus	1450	-310	...	...	13.4
64.60	Microgen	164	...	7.2	5.5	11.2
21.20	Microvitec▲	32½	+2	...	...	...
203.30	Misys	524	+21	...	1.7	19.1
388.80	Mitel	492	+7	...	...	...
13.60	MMT Comp▲	128	...	...	3.4	16.3
9.05	Molynx	48	-½	1.3	...	...
44.50	MTL Inst▲	253 †	-½	...	1.8	19.1
19.40	Multitone Elect	139	+10	3.5	3.4	∞
22.40	Murray Enter	235	+27	...	2.1	...
6,144.80	NYNEX	2975 †	-100	...	...	...
32.60	Neotronics	128	...	2.6	2.5	16.5
2.69	Newmark (L)	38	-3	...	...	...
18.20	Norbain▲	279	...	...	0.8	18.4
11.00	Northamber	62	+10	0.6	1.2	...
15.20	Oceonics	11	...	...	...	...
135.70	Oxford Inst	281	+2	4.5	2.0	19.3
16.00	P-E Intern'l	73	-1	...	...	...
40.00	P & P	72	...	1.4	2.4	38.2
88.50	Peek	77	...	3.4	5.6	19.8
13.90	Pegasus▲	216	+6	...	3.7	55.4
12.20	Philips Fn 4%	9500	...	...	6.1	...
4,234.50	-do- Lmp nv	1325	-25	...	...	...
96.90	Phonelink▲	273	+16	...	...	...
26.40	Pifco	285	+10	...	1.8	23.9
19.00	-do- 'A' Voting	275	+10	...	1.9	23.1
2.93	Plasmec▲	63	...	...	...	5.3
27.30	Pressac	107	+1	2.4	2.8	21.6
28.20	Psion▲	128	-2	...	2.4	34.0
637.30	Racal Elec	228	+3	4.2	2.3	13.6
10.30	Radamec	56	-10	...	3.4	11.9
11.50	Radius▲	42	+4	2.7	...	14.5
4.41	Real Time▲	63	...	...	6.0	12.9
6.76	Riva▲	36	+4	...	...	33.0
93.50	Sage Gp	456	+2	9.0	2.5	14.6
30.30	Sanderson Elec	340	...	9.0	3.3	14.5
30.20	Scantronic	79	...	3.1	4.9	19.9
64.80	Scholes Grp	171	-2	5.0	3.7	∞
307.60	Sema Gp	338	+3	2.8	1.0	27.4
13.10	Silvermines	40	...	...	3.1	...
4.70	Soundtracks▲	47	...	...	5.9	15.9
2,991.60	TDK	2275	-12½	...	1.4	25.2
1.53	TDS Circuits▲	17	+2	...	...	...
174.70	Telemetrix	193	-3	0.8	0.5	31.8
4,045.00	THORN EMI	954	+5	...	4.2	19.5
18.10	Thorpe FW	140 †	+17	2.6	2.4	∞
5.57	Total Systems▲	54	-1	3.0	6.9	9.6
82.10	Tunstall	513	+8	6.0	1.5	20.5
193.30	Unitech	280	-1	...	2.7	67.0
15.00	Verity	7½	+½	...	...	...
35.90	Vistec▲	29½	+1	...	1.6	16.9
5,291.60	Vodafone	526	+14	...	1.3	23.8
120.40	Volex	456	...	17.8	4.9	18.7
3.16	Western Selectn	21	...	...	...	...
40.30	Wholesale Ftgs	284	-3	11.7	5.1	30.2

ELECTRICITY

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1,226.10	East Midlands	562	+28	...	4.3	10.5
1,568.30	Eastern Elect	580	+22	...	4.1	11.6
1,318.70	Hydro-Elect	396	+12	...	3.6	14.4
1,267.20	London Elect	581	+16	...	4.2	12.9
736.60	Manweb	620	+10	...	4.2	9.0
1,228.30	Midlands Elec	586	+11	...	4.3	10.5
5,175.90	National Powr	406	-11½	...	3.3	12.0
766.90	Northern Elec	623	+17	...	4.3	9.0
570.70	Nthn Ireland	203	+12	...	3.9	10.7
1,056.90	Norweb	612	+25	20.0	4.1	9.5
3,492.20	PowerGen	446	+18	...	2.9	11.8
3,178.50	Scottish Power	390	+7	...	3.6	14.5
807.10	Seeboard	633	-19	...	3.9	10.2
635.00	Sth Wales	625	+17	...	4.5	10.4
721.40	Sth Western	586	+18	...	4.3	9.3
1,595.10	Southern Elec	591	+24	...	4.1	10.8
1,262.50	Yorkshire Elec	609	+26	...	4.2	11.5

FINANCE, LAND

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
33.90	Aitken Hume	56	...	1.0	2.2	11.9
22.20	BWD▲	119	+2	...	3.4	18.6
29.30	Baltic Plc	97 †	+½	...	1.3	...
452.10	Caledonia	544	...	...	3.4	20.2
37.50	Cuttello	1500	...	...	2.4	5.6
70.00	Candover	314	+13	10.2	4.1	22.2
52.80	Flextech▲	154	+9	...	0.4	...
267.60	Goveit	327	+2	...	4.9	7.6
48.40	Ivory Sime	167	...	...	4.9	15.7
2.44	LIT	4½	...	...	...	...
0.66	Lightship	12 #	...	...	...	...
229.00	Lon Forfaitng▲	229	+6	8.4	4.6	16.7
13.20	Manakin	65	+3	5.0	9.6	∞
9.56	Nat Home Loan	9¼	...	...	...	...
18.20	Newmarket	51	...	...	...	...
64.60	Rathbone Brs	338	...	6.0	2.3	19.9
62.90	Rutland Tst	24½	+½	...	4.1	14.5
35.60	S & U	335	+5	10.0	3.8	12.3
155.80	Singer & Fried	81	+1	...	4.6	...
274.10	Sothebys	808	+13	...	4.2	...
438.60	SJP Capital	161	+9	3.0	2.3	66.4

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
11,128.70	Amer Express	2312½	-50	...	...	...
227.50	Henderson Ad	1063	+35	...	4.9	24.5
444.60	Invesco	180	-2	...	2.1	...
2,210.60	Jardine Strat	234	+2	...	3.3	9.8
750.80	MAI	232 †	+10	6.9	3.7	∞
1,299.50	MAM	691	+31	15.0	2.7	17.3
721.70	M & G	901	+18	...	2.8	25.6
195.50	Smith New Ct	376	+35	...	2.0	5.7
42.80	Trio Hldgs	77	+2	...	4.9	...

FOODS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
2,227.00	AB Food	496	+21	14.0	3.5	11.4
1,674.20	ASDA Group	57¼	+3	1.6	3.5	13.8
93.40	Acatos & Hutch	280	+6	6.5	2.9	16.2
471.80	Albert Fisher	78	+6	3.7	6.0	13.0
3,458.30	Argyll	308½	+20½	...	4.4	11.4
27.90	Assoc Fisheries	159	...	...	6.3	3.3
19.00	Banks (S C)	225	...	9.0	5.0	10.0
61.40	Barr (AG)	325	-5	6.5	2.5	16.4
11.40	Bensons Crisps▲	63	+4	...	5.7	14.2
127.10	Berisford Intl	128	-1	...	...	...
839.40	Booker	395	-8	...	7.0	33.6
26.60	Borthwick	46	-1	...	3.3	57.1
240.80	Brake Bros	475	-8	6.2	1.6	19.7
71.60	Budgen	44	-1	...	2.8	13.4
3,841.90	Cadbury-Schw	464	+10	...	3.6	16.4
8.30	Carrs Milling	122	+3	3.9	4.0	24.4
28.10	Cranswick	193	...	...	5.2	14.4
3.79	Cullens	14½	-1	0.5	4.3	41.7
15.50	Dalepak	134	+9	6.0	5.6	10.6
1,133.90	Dalgety	496	+12	...	5.3	13.7
4.16	Daniels S	50	...	...	0.6	...
333.50	Devro	247	+17	...	2.8	23.5
26.10	Everest	104 †	-½	3.7	4.4	∞
84.00	Farepak	372	...	5.7	1.9	22.9
2.19	Farringford	8½	...	...	...	...
80.80	Finlay (James)	81	+6	...	6.6	26.2
266.50	Fyffes	95	...	...	1.7	17.1
276.40	Geest	385	+15	8.1	2.7	17.2
17.50	Global▲	14½	+½	...	4.3	22.6
18.80	Grand Central	47	+1	1.2	3.3	∞
405.60	Hazlewood Fds	175	+4	...	4.6	9.9
1,094.20	Hillsdown	159	+1	8.8	7.0	12.1
532.90	Iceland Group	194	+6	...	2.1	12.2
44.00	JLI Group	106	-12	...	5.5	11.7
1,073.80	Kwik Save	695	+36	16.0	2.9	13.3
90.20	Low (Wm)	169	...	8.4	6.2	8.2
99.30	Matthews (B)	80	...	2.2	3.5	52.4
14.90	Merchant Retail	16½	...	1.1	8.3	33.8
770.70	Morrison (W)	108 †	+8	...	0.9	14.0
86.90	Nichols (JN)	220	+7	13.6	7.7	6.4
1,529.00	Ntn Foods	267	+22	...	3.9	13.3
5.25	Nthmbn Fds▲	11	...	...	...	...
234.80	Nurdin Peack	185	...	...	4.1	10.3
121.90	Park Foods	233	+1	...	3.2	18.0
108.80	Perkins Food	83	-6	...	6.6	9.5
57.70	PizzaExpress	109 †	+2½	...	0.6	62.7
6.88	Regina Hlth▲	5	-½	...	...	...
7,791.50	Sainsbury J	436½	+20½	...	2.9	15.3
3.26	Senny Farm▲	76	-2	...	2.5	13.6
34.40	Sims Food	115	-2	...	8.2	22.2
1,345.50	Tate & Lyle	376	+5	12.0	4.0	11.9
4,245.60	Tesco	216½	+26	...	4.1	9.8
104.50	Thorntons	164	+2	3.6	2.8	15.3
15.00	Treats▲	158	-2	...	2.8	18.0
922.30	Unigate	395	+16	...	5.1	13.0
1,932.00	Utd Biscuits	368	+23	...	5.3	22.4
18.90	Usborne	20½	...	...	4.9	∞
117.20	Watson & Phil	302	+2	13.3	5.5	15.7

HOTELS, CATERERS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
2.64	Abrdn Stk Hs	22	...	...	...	...
171.70	City Centre Rest	90	-½	1.5	2.2	21.7
1,908.00	Forte	225 †	+7	...	4.2	17.7
25.90	Friendly Hotels	156 †	-4½	...	4.6	30.4
8.08	Harmony Leis▲	10½	+½	...	...	...
34.10	Jurys Hotel	128½	...	...	5.0	10.3
2,031.00	Ladbroke	178 †	-5	11.1	7.8	15.2
441.50	Mandarin Orntl	65	...	...	5.2	16.1
439.00	Queens Moat	47½ #	...	2.8	7.8	6.3
160.50	-do- 7½% cvpr	85 #	...	7.5	11.0	...
3.97	Regal Hotels▲	1½	...	...	...	...
49.80	Resort Hotels	45 #	...	3.4	9.6	8.8
11.80	Ryan Hotels E	18	...	...	6.6	...
233.90	Savoy Hotel 'A'	818	...	7.0	1.1	...
244.10	Stakis	64	+3	...	0.9	...

INDUSTRIALS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
12.40	AAF Inds	54	-2	...	20.4	3.3
466.20	AAH	531	-5	...	4.1	17.1
25.50	ADM	183	+1	7.5	5.1	11.1
283.70	APV	96½	-2	...	7.0	...
134.70	ASW	201	-8	...	3.7	...
143.90	Adwest	171 †	-7	...	5.2	∞
8.55	Aerospace Eng	22½	+1½	...	4.2	29.6
66.40	Airsprung	280	...	...	2.0	17.9
53.90	Alexdra W	160	...	3.8	3.0	44.2
4.67	Allied Radio	9½	...	...	...	...
87.80	Alumasc	570 †	-1	...	2.6	16.8
23.10	Alvis	42	...	1.0	3.0	8.6
20.50	Amber Ind	525	...	...	4.4	15.0
2.40	Amberley Gp▲	40 #	...	...	3.1	...
36.70	Aragen	79	...	...	...	...
12.30	Andrews Sykes	86	+1	...	6.4	...
287.40	Antofagasta	960	+17	...	2.1	17.7
13.60	Armour	50½	...	...	4.2	11.7
37.80	Ash & Lacy	145	+1	6.4	5.6	14.6
9.19	Ass Br Eng	3½	...	...	1.8	...
133.60	Avon Rubber	506	-7	...	4.1	20.2
27.40	Assoc Nursg▲	248	...	...	0.5	15.2
54.60	Atlas Equip	525 †	-1	...	3.2	13.2
6.00	Ayrshire Metal	60	...	...	...	...
662.90	BBA	164	-4	...	5.7	13.9
4.05	BLP Group▲	61	+6	...	...	...
22.70	BM Gp	20½	...	...	5.0	0.9
3,026.90	BOC	638	+12	23.2	4.5	14.0
185.70	BSG	73½	-1	...	5.6	34.6
120.70	BSS Group	464	+2	...	4.6	22.8
12,866.40	BTR	381	+9	...	3.5	21.3
79.70	BWI	162	+5	6.7	5.1	∞
188.40	Babcock	35	+3	...	7.5	20.9
4.40	Bailey (CH)	8	+½	...	...	...
316.70	Baird (Wm)	280	+1	8.9	4.0	19.2
1,264.00	Barlow Rand	643½	-6½	...	5.2	3.7
84.20	Baynes (Charles)	61	-1	...	2.9	25.0
3.47	Beauford	4½	-1½	...	...	...
4.41	Beckenham▲	5	-1	...	...	...
1.38	Bedford (W)▲	29	...	...	...	...
21.50	Benson Group	16½	+½	...	2.3	12.5
137.40	Bespak	543	+23	10.0	2.3	17.9
143.90	Bibby (J)	92	+7	9.7	...	5.4
4.08	Billam (J)	252	...	5.0	2.5	12.7
2.36	Blisson Barsen▲	28	...	...	...	...
6.92	Bimec Ind	5½	...	...	...	...
43.50	Birkby	200	-1	3.5	2.2	18.9
9.40	Black Arrow	38	...	2.6	8.6	11.9
6.09	Black & Edgtn▲	1½	...	...	...	...
127.70	Black (Peter)	233	+3	3.7	2.0	20.5
41.50	Bluebird Toys▲	534	+44	...	1.1	16.3
163.90	Bodycote	284	...	...	2.2	18.0
1.36	Bogod 'A'	28	...	0.7	3.1	10.4
5,080.70	Boots	489	+10	...	3.4	18.1
2.00	Booth Inds	50	...	0.7	1.8	...
2,300.40	Bowater	461	+7	...	3.1	19.3
439.20	Bowater Inc	1212 †	-29	...	...	...
60.40	Boxmore Intl▲	272	...	...	1.7	20.4
11.30	Brasway	14½	...	0.5	4.4	∞
127.70	Brammer	285	...	13.0	5.7	21.2
7.63	Bridgend Gp	38	+3	0.4	1.9	...
67.50	Bridon	119	...	...	4.2	...
7.81	Bridport-Gndry	78	-3	4.1	6.6	14.6
1,147.90	Brierley Inv	45½	+½	...	7.6	∞
27.50	Br Bldg & Eng	345	...	...	1.3	...
3.00	Br Bloodstock▲	7½	+12	...	...	...
141.00	Br Polythene	473	-4	...	2.7	16.8
2,530.00	Br Steel	128½	+½	...	1.8	...
38.20	Br Syphon	83	-12	...	4.5	23.3
24.90	Br Thornton	155	...	...	2.0	17.0
503.80	Br Vita	234	-1	7.1	3.8	14.4
75.80	Brixton Grp	14½	+½	...	1.5	...
12,062.00	Broken Hill	728	+23	...	2.5	34.0
76.50	Bromsgrve Ind	107	...	...	3.1	13.0
3.36	Brooke Tool	4	...	...	...	...
18.80	Brown & Tawse	59	-2	...	...	...
151.10	Bullough	126	-2	6.0	6.0	21.6
7.47	Business Tech▲	16	-½	...	...	...
19.00	[illegible]	22	...	1.0	...	20.8
3.32	Camphil & Arm	25	+7	...	...	...
34.10	Cannon St	33	-½	...	...	...
135.90	Cape	256	...	...	5.1	17.3
150.40	Carclo Eng	249	-1	8.6	4.3	17.7
1,874.90	Carnaud Mtl	2325	+25	...	2.7	∞
3.73	Cassidy Bros▲	69	+1	...	4.3	11.3
44.30	Castings	210	...	4.3	2.6	14.8
146.20	Cathay Ind.	63	-1	...	...	...
12.80	Chamberlin Hill	175	-5	6.2	4.5	10.9
508.20	Charter	744	+19	...	3.7	17.5
62.20	Chemring	319	-21	...	3.2	19.2
4.43	Chieftain Gp▲	51	...	5.1	...	10.9
9.67	Chillington	34	-4	0.2	0.8	...
325.00	Christies Int	203	+7	...	0.9	50.4
10.50	Clayhithe	69	...	...	5.0	...
1.64	Clayton Son	75	...	...	...	...
1.22	Co Designers▲	7 #	...	0.2	...	...
6.74	Cohen (A)	363	+60	6.8	...	...
70.30	Community H	215 †	-3	6.9	4.0	∞
116.90	Concentric	216	...	...	3.2	18.2
55.60	Cook (Wm)	254	+24	5.0	2.5	15.4
1,164.60	Cookson	208	+12	...	3.6	27.5
7.70	Copymore▲	71	...	...	1.8	21.7
58.20	Crowll Pkr 'A'	144 †	...	...	4.9	19.5
15.30	Cosalt	133	...	10.7	...	20.2
8.64	Creighton Nt▲	187	...	...	4.9	13.4
10.10	CrestaCare	36 †	-1	0.5	1.7	31.1
1,765.00	Dana	3843½	-12½	...	...	...
434.50	Danka Br Sys	264	+24	...	0.5	25.1
111.00	David Brown	209	-15	...	3.6	14.7
1.08	Davies (DT)▲	17	...	...	...	...
1,308.80	De La Rue	683	-10	...	3.1	18.1
3.57	Dinkie Heel	27	...	0.9	4.5	21.1
306.40	Diploma	550	+1	0.7	2.2	28.6
97.80	Dobson Park	78	+1	5.7	...	14.0
1.85	Dyson (J&J)	112	...	5.0	5.6	20.6
8.92	-do- 'A'	74	...	5.0	8.4	13.6
5.86	EPC	12½	...	...	...	...
180.80	EIS	410	...	...	3.9	18.1
3.17	Elbief	25	...	...	...	...
9.28	Elcco	32	+4	...	...	0.00
1,442.50	Electrolux 'B'	2025	+31½	...	2.6	...
18.40	Elliott (B)	75	...	...	...	...
1,239.20	Eng China Cl	411 †	+7½	...	6.1	23.9
19.90	Environmed	138	...	...	...	99.3
6,803.10	Ericsson 'B'	3625	+31½	...	0.8	...
36.80	Eurocopy	78	+3	1.6	...	29.5
44.80	Expamet	71 †	-2	...	...	1.7
250.70	Fairey Group	674 †	-1	10.2	1.9	20.8
51.30	Fenner	112	+12	...	...	21.1
6.35	Ferraris Group	65	+5	...	1.9	15.3
3.25	Ferrometal▲	1½	...	...	...	...
5.21	Ferrum	16	...	2.5	...	11.2
5.89	Fife Indmar	56	...	0.5	1.1	...
1,143.80	Fisons	165½	-½	...	6.7	15.0
53.80	Fitzwilson	46	...	...	9.6	...
67.10	Flogas	273	-15	...	3.6	12.5
11.40	Folkes Group nv	37	...	1.5	5.1	21.0
9.70	French (Thomas)	81	...	3.6	5.6	40.6
128.00	Frost Group	218	...	...	2.3	27.5
31.30	GEI Intl	85	...	...	7.3	...
1,218.30	GKN	462	...	...	5.5	30.8
3.79	GR Hldgs	44	...	...	5.7	...
3.58	Gaston Eng	94	-4	4.0	5.4	...
273.80	Gestetner	146	...	8.2	7.0	6.4
8.65	Gleves	38	+2	...	...	27.5
20,193.10	Glaxo	666	+31	...	4.1	17.4
8.48	Glencheerton	32½	-1½	...	...	...
655.10	Glynwed	318	+9	11.6	4.6	29.6
64.00	Goode Durrant	121	+5	...	5.6	...
103.70	Grampian Hd	150	+16	5.5	4.6	25.8
2,227.70	Granada	476	+25	7.7	2.0	25.3
48.50	Great Strms▲	411	+1	...	3.3	16.9
7.96	Green (Ernst)▲	99	...	...	9.2	∞
26.40	Greenacre▲	15½	+½	...	2.3	15.1
1.99	Guardian Grp▲	10½	...	...	...	...
54.40	Haden MacLn	62	...	...	4.0	22.4
6.23	Hadleigh Inds▲	86	-7	...	0.7	...
80.90	Hall Eng	276	...	8.6	3.9	23.0
404.20	Halma	206	...	...	1.2	27.7
25.10	Hampson Ind	41	+1	1.6	4.9	13.5
13,456.10	Hanson	265½	+11½	...	5.4	13.5
18.10	Harris (Phillip)	162	...	...	5.3	9.8
1,335.00	Harrisn Crsfld	192 †	+6½	9.0	5.9	27.7
22.30	Havelock Euro	86	+17	...	...	...
6.00	Hay (Norman)	40	+5	...	...	...
4.03	Headway	25	...	0.7	3.5	∞
2.53	Healthcare	5	...	...	20.0	1.4
803.40	Hepworth	390 †	+7½	14.8	4.8	16.8
12.10	Hewitt (J)	215	+21	3.0	1.7	16.8
1.84	High-Point	36	...	1.3	...	...
48.00	Hill & Smith	161	...	...	4.4	22.4
17.30	Hobson▲	19	+3	...	...	...
5.49	Holders Tech▲	176	+4	...	4.3	23.0
39.00	Hopkinsons	50	...	1.3	...	37.4
13.60	Hornby▲	168	+6	...	6.7	15.9
224.10	Howden	80	+1	2.2	3.4	14.8
234.50	Hunting	244	+7	...	5.1	20.6
107.90	Huntigh Tec▲	415 †	-56	...	3.0	10.6
947.80	IMI	292	+3	...	4.3	25.9
45.40	ISA Intl	117	+2	1.5	1.6	18.1
35.40	Intercare Gp▲	139	-1	...	2.3	14.7
34.60	Isotron	279	-1	4.3	1.9	∞
3,913.20	Jardine Math	549 †	+8½	...	2.3	20.0
903.40	Johnson Mnth	477	-2	...	2.7	20.9
64.80	Johnson & FB	46	...	3.0	8.2	14.2
15.50	Johnston	148	-2	3.2	...	...
3.41	Jones Shipman	28	+5	...	...	...
5.87	Jourdan (T)	31	...	0.7	3.1	...
15.10	Kalamazoo	82	+7	2.1	3.2	19.0
209.20	Kalon	158	-3½	...	2.5	21.9
6.74	Kelsey Ind	203	-17	13.0	...	...
189.50	Kenshaw (A)	545	+7	27.0	6.2	28.3
27.70	Kleeneze	200	...	...	...	...
6.45	LGW▲	145	...	3.0	2.6	12.0
392.60	Laird	335	+5	...	3.9	16.5
35.70	Lilleshall	146	+5	...	3.6	19.2
14.40	Locas▲	210 †	-1	...	3.6	14.8
3.87	Lincoln Hse▲	24	...	...	...	19.8
13.10	Linread	109 †	-1½	3.7	4.3	16.8
34.00	Linton Park	253	+3	...	6.9	9.1
23.10	Lionheart	11½	-½	0.2	2.1	...
6.00	Locker (T) A	20	...	1.0	6.2	29.1
274.80	Lon Ind	162½	+5½	9.4	7.3	12.4
929.40	Lonrho	121	...	...	4.1	...
353.30	Low & Bonar	362	+15	...	3.1	50.7
2,004.30	MB-Caradon	338	+18	...	3.2	27.3
301.50	-do- pf	167½	+5½	7.2	5.4	...
58.60	ML Hldgs	39	...	...	...	...
12.90	MS Intl	47	+3	...	6.6	48.4
18.70	MY Holdings	45	...	...	2.8	13.7
156.50	Macfarlane	207	-3	...	1.9	23.4
405.80	McKechnie	443	+8	14.7	4.2	22.0
62.90	McLeod Russel	104	+2	6.0	7.2	12.7
12.30	Maddox	2½	-½	...	...	15.0
5.74	Magnolia	100	...	0.1	0.1	16.1
16.30	Mang Bronze	99	-1	1.0	1.3	...
39.90	Marling	22½	...	...	3.6	...
38.50	Mayborn▲	194 †	+5	...	3.2	14.9
114.90	Mayflower	58 †	+½	...	2.7	48.4
289.30	Medeva	106	...	...	2.7	8.6
222.30	Meggitt	103 †	...	...	4.6	17.5
97.20	Metalr	119 †	+2	...	3.8	19.4
36.90	Metrotect	153	...	...	2.6	21.3
14.70	Merrec▲	95	...	...	...	...
41.70	Midstates	86	+1	...	1.1	11.5
0.74	Mining & Ald	21	-1½	0.5	3.0	...
158.70	Molins	512 †	+2	...	3.4	12.3
728.40	Morgan Cble	336	+8	...	4.8	17.3
14.50	Morris Ashby▲	177	+1	...	3.8	13.4
6.74	Neepsend	28	...	0.7	3.3	37.6
46.40	Nestor-BNA	62	...	3.1	6.4	14.8
23.30	Nobo Gp	191	...	4.8	3.1	18.9
297.00	Norcros	170	-3	...	5.1	24.8
24.00	Novo Group	38	...	...	4.3	12.2
149.50	Nu-Swift	338	+15	...	...	∞
4.47	Office Elec Mac	73	-7	0.1	0.2	...
16.50	Ohs Intl	37	+1	...	5.9	...
10.10	PCT▲	132	...	...	6.9	15.0
3.38	Pacer Systems▲	72	-1	...	6.1	...
349.50	Pentland	92	+8	...	3.2	13.2
182.40	Photo-Me	307	-16	4.6	1.9	∞
1,149.00	Pilkington	146	-1	...	3.4	...
63.70	Plasticbrook	86	+1	3.0	4.4	11.6
228.10	Polypipe	146 †	+½	2.1	1.8	∞
19.80	Porter Chadbrn	21	-1	...	7.4	9.6
1.73	Porth Gp▲	9	...	...	...	...
317.20	Powerscreen	368	-1	...	2.2	19.1
29.00	Prospect Inds	16½	...	0.7	5.7	8.3
7.54	RPS Group▲	63	+1	2.2	4.4	13.9
1.22	Radiant Metal	40	...	...	...	...
21.90	Ramco Oil▲	121	+1	...	1.0	40.5
2,658.50	Rank Org	813	...	31.0	4.8	22.2
9.63	Ransomes	17	+2	...	...	...
2,392.50	Reckitt Colm	638	+17	...	3.2	14.6
23.60	Record	71	...	3.6	6.4	34.4
6.44	Reece	5	...	...	...	...
52.50	Relyon	250	+13	4.9	2.4	30.0
133.40	Renishaw	224	+3	6.5	3.0	∞
63.20	Renold	96	...	...	1.3	...
6,299.70	Reuters	1518	+13	21.2	1.7	25.1
10.90	Rexmore	60	+1	1.7	3.6	...
93.00	Ricardo Group	174 †	+13	5.7	4.1	∞
6.28	Richard (Leics)	75 †	...	4.4	...	...
21.90	Richardson West	83	-2	3.0	4.5	21.3
8.76	Ropner	134	+2	8.2	7.7	19.0
19.70	-do- 'A'	126	+2	8.2	8.2	17.9
33.10	Ross Gp	29	+1	0.6	2.8	11.9
145.80	Rotork	168	+5	...	2.8	19.7
31.80	Rubicon	162	...	...	3.3	22.7
15.00	Russell (A)	64 †	-½	...	...	...
17.20	SEP Indl	28	+1	...	3.3	25.6
597.60	SKF 'B'	937½	-25	...	...	...
58.00	Saville Grdn (J)	58	+4	...	4.7	28.9
503.30	Scapa	215	+3	...	3.5	18.4
141.10	Scholl	210	+5	...	3.8	15.3
1.61	Scot Heritable	4½	...	...	...	...
44.90	Securicor	1083	-3	2.6	0.3	41.2
605.10	-do- 'A'	748	+8	2.6	0.4	28.5
723.50	Security Serv	660	+15	5.0	1.0	32.6
289.70	Senior Eng	126½	+8½	...	3.2	20.6
88.80	Seton Health	299	+13	...	2.4	17.7
3.26	Sheldon Jones▲	63	...	...	...	...
8.08	Shiloh	140	+7	2.9	2.6	15.1
173.90	Sidlaw	318	+1	...	3.9	20.3
2,061.10	Siebe	535	-1	...	2.3	19.8
167.60	Silentnight	355	-20	...	2.8	19.1
2,021.00	Sime Darby	129	+2	...	4.2	∞
78.50	Simon Eng	78	-11	...	...	...
43.80	Sinclair (Wm)	210	...	7.0	4.2	13.5
24.80	Six Hundred	46	+8	...	4.8	...
1,447.20	Smith & Neph	140½	-2½	...	4.1	15.6
3,718.20	Smithkline	418	-15	8.6	2.6	15.1
4,847.00	Smithkline Uts	370	-14	...	3.5	12.5
1,108.20	Smiths Ind	372½	+8½	11.2	3.8	15.2
73.40	Stirn Bus	76	+7	3.3	5.6	7.2
49.20	Spandex▲	458	+14	...	1.8	20.3
27.60	Spear (JW)	525	...	4.0	3.4	9.8
269.50	Spirax-Sarco	356 †	-1½	...	3.3	22.3
243.90	Spring Ram	66	+3	...	...	18.1
267.90	Staveley	235	+5	...	4.5	13.3
45.40	Sterling Ind	162	...	...	4.3	24.8
196.20	Suter	180	+12	8.8	6.1	18.8
	Swire Pacfc 'A'	371	+16	...	2.4	∞
4.22	Sycamore	3½	...	...	...	...
5.09	Sykes-Pick	55	...	...	...	10.3
24.10	Syltone	148	...	...	4.0	19.7
1,669.30	TI	359	-13	...	3.7	24.5
7.00	TLS Range▲	31	...	...	1.0	...
323.30	TT Group	310 †	+22½	...	2.6	19.5
210.10	Talkare	235	...	1.8	1.0	19.3
7,293.00	Takeda Chem	834	-29	...	0.8	15.8
4.52	Tex Hldgs	68	...	...	...	...
7.36	Tinsley (E)▲	101	...	...	6.7	15.6
27.00	Titon▲	240	...	...	1.9	20.9
2,659.30	Tomkins	238½	+1½	...	3.3	17.6
1,139.30	Trafalgar H	107	+3	...	3.8	7.8
97.30	Transfer Tech	182	+3	3.2	3.9	12.9
109.00	Triplex Lloyd	169	...	...	5.2	20.3
374.90	UniChem	268	+2	5.6	2.7	17.4
70.20	Unidare	365 †	+4	...	5.4	18.3
9.89	Unigroup	32	...	...	...	...
8,531.70	Unilever	1052	+7	21.3	2.5	14.3
11,586.20	Unilever (NV)	7212½	+93½	...	2.9	11.9
323.70	VSEL	854	-4	...	4.2	9.2
15.30	Verson	11½	...	...	...	...
515.90	Vickers	157	-1	...	1.2	...
126.00	Victaulic	286	-3	...	3.4	14.1
182.40	Vimen	447	+4	...	2.0	20.7
213.50	Vosper Thorny	691	...	...	2.9	16.7
4.46	WSP Hldgs	42	...	...	...	10.9
197.10	Wagon Ind	445	+2	...	4.9	19.6
87.10	Walker Greenbk	91	+1½	3.1	4.3	22.9
387.60	Wassall	254	+4	2.5	1.2	25.6
280.00	Wirlord Wdgwd	39½	+1	...	...	...
476.40	Weir	305	-1	...	2.4	17.2
6,261.20	Wellcome	723	-18	13.0	2.2	20.0
6.12	Wellman	19	...	0.9	5.9	31.0
180.50	West Hlthcare	354	+5	...	1.3	∞
130.40	Whatman	484 †	+4½	9.5	2.5	16.4
69.50	Whessoe	239	-31	...	4.2	9.3
29.30	Whitecroft	67	+1	...	...	...
10.70	Widney	8	...	...	...	...
22.60	Wilkes (James)	128	...	3.5	...	37.5
1,631.70	Williams Hldg	333	+11	12.5	4.7	17.4
31.50	Wilshaw	39	-3½	...	1.6	24.6
1,840.70	Wolseley	692	-34	12.5	2.3	24.0
2.50	Wood (Arthur)	125	...	1.5	1.5	43.5
12.50	Wyko	38	...	...	3.7	...
8.62	Young (H)	52	...	3.0	7.2	19.1

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Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
491.80	Alex & Alex	1287½	-156½	...	5.2	...
4,781.20	Am Gen	2212½	+25	...	3.3	...
13.20	Archer (AJ)	52	-3	4.4	...	25.3
11.30	Berry Bch Nbl▲	170	...	...	3.9	13.2
67.80	Bradstock	125	...	5.1	5.1	15.4
887.90	Britannic	470	-9	...	3.0	...
3,443.20	Com Union	640	-10	...	4.8	...
115.60	Dom & Gen	1700	...	...	1.7	∞
86.70	FAI	35	-2	...	...	...
3,314.80	Gen Accident	735	+16	26.7	4.6	...
1,079.00	GRE	228	-10	7.0	3.9	18.7
247.40	Heath C E	383	-7	...	5.2	...
105.00	Hogg Gp	163	-7	8.1	6.4	14.5
214.70	JIB Group	173	...	...	5.4	17.7
2,347.40	Legal & Gen	522	+25	...	4.6	31.7
2,348.70	Liberty Life	1025	+24	...	2.5	20.0
3,047.50	Lloyds Abbey	453	+12	17.3	4.8	16.3
106.60	Lloyd Thomp	276 †	-7½	6.7	3.0	∞
456.80	Londn & Man	381 †	+11	14.2	4.7	28.1
114.40	Lowndes Lmb	407	+5	13.5	4.1	14.6
4,061.30	Marsh McLn	5537½	-300	...	3.2	...
24.20	Oriel	122	+10	...	5.2	...
18.80	PWS	60	-5	4.0	8.3	8.7
6,793.20	Prudential	360	+13	...	4.1	23.9
541.20	Refuge	1053 †	+3½	31.5	3.7	29.2
2,089.80	Royal	322	+2	...	2.5	...
863.20	Sedgwick	168	-6	...	4.5	20.7
72.10	Steel Burrill	154	+15	...	...	9.1
44.00	Sturge Hldgs	81	...	8.2	...	8.8
3,183.70	Sun Alliance	395 †	+7½	14.2	4.5	...
106.00	Trade Indemnity	58	+7	...	...	...
972.30	Transatlantic	328	...	12.0	4.6	30.4
524.20	Utd Friendly	640	...	14.5	2.8	27.9
855.30	Willis Corroon	205	-15	...	4.0	44.0
5.51	Windsor	20	...	...	...	15.7



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INVESTMENT TRUSTS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
890.60	Alliance	1767	+14	45.0	3.2	38.3
217.40	Amer Trust	261	+1	4.9	2.3	54.2
455.70	Ang & O'seas	399	...	6.8	2.1	50.7
76.30	BZW Conv	151	+5	7.8	6.5	∞
291.20	Bankers	188	+5	3.4	2.3	51.4
161.10	Baring Tribune	314	+6	6.4	2.6	49.7
10.10	Berry Starq	194	+1	2.2	1.4	63.1
405.10	Br Assets	105½	...	...	5.1	25.8
107.20	Br Empire Sec	81	+½	0.8	1.4	...
3.59	-do- Wnts	22	...	...	...	...
608.40	Br Inv	195	+2	4.5	2.9	43.9
40.80	Contl Asset	188	+3	2.4	1.6	62.5
18.00	Derby Inc	152	+1	...	11.7	9.1
42.60	-do- Cap	278	+18	...	...	...
11.00	Drayton Blue	87	+4	8.4	12.1	9.7
37.20	-do- Eng Intl	82	-1	1.2	1.8	...
146.80	-do- Far East	127	+1½	0.6	0.6	...
26.50	-do- Korea	115	+1	0.5	0.6	...
209.20	Dunedin Inc G	660	+10	...	4.9	30.4
37.40	-do- Japan	93½	+1	...	...	...
3.68	-do- Warrants	46	+1	...	...	...
229.10	-do- Wwde	684	+7	9.5	1.7	70.5
48.00	Dundee & Lon	286	...	...	3.9	26.4
866.70	Edinburgh	295	+2½	8.4	3.6	32.3
496.50	Electra Inv	287	+5	6.7	2.9	39.1
165.40	Electric Gen	183	-3	3.1	2.1	57.0
1.66	English Scot	110	+1	...	...	...
73.10	European Asset	290	+4	...	2.5	38.1
31.90	Finsbury 'A'	133	+5	3.0	2.8	42.8
192.00	Fleming Amer	290	+2	0.7	0.3	...
113.50	-do- Claver	213	+6	...	3.1	43.0
206.30	Do Contl	316	+10	2.7	1.1	...
80.80	-do- Eurp	202	+7	...	2.9	40.8
500.50	-do- F East	331	+11	1.1	0.4	...
41.00	-do- Fledg	325	+1	3.0	1.2	...
31.20	-do- Hi Inc	109	+9	...	5.0	18.6
273.50	-do- Japan	237	-7	0.3	0.2	...
406.00	-do- Merc	281	+4	6.7	3.0	60.1
382.50	-do- Oseas	288	+3	4.2	1.8	60.3
1,337.40	Foreign & Col	254½	+7½	...	1.7	69.3
56.40	-do- Enterprise	60	...	...	0.4	...
129.20	-do- Eurotst	219	+8	1.2	0.7	...
48.30	-do- German	133	+4	0.5	0.5	...
319.50	-do- Pacific	300 †	+6	...	0.9	...
146.70	-do- Smaller	169½	+½	1.8	1.4	...
153.50	GT Japan	246 †	-3	...	0.6	...
28.10	Genl Cons Cap	155	+7	...	...	...
42.70	-do- Inc	118	+5	...	9.0	11.2
37.40	Govett Am Smlr	150	+8	...	...	...
571.40	-do- Oriental	318	+4½	0.9	0.4	...
270.00	-do- Strategy	275	+8	...	3.1	38.0
46.00	Greenfriar	400	+1	...	2.0	40.1
0.82	Gresham House	19	...	...	...	...
343.90	Inv Cap	139	...	5.1	4.6	27.9
26.70	IRS UK Smllr	92	...	2.8	3.8	25.7
164.80	Kleinwort Chrt	200½	+2½	5.0	3.1	39.6
185.70	-do- O'seas	231½	+2½	3.3	1.8	65.8
18.60	-do- Smlr	133	+4	...	3.3	32.2
134.60	Law Debenture	681	+13	18.2	3.3	34.0
102.90	Majedie	196	+3	...	3.0	37.9
275.20	Merchants	269 †	+3	...	5.1	25.0
6,813.10	Merrill Lynch	6425 †	-125	...	...	...
380.20	Monks Inv Tst	490	+9	...	1.7	62.1
33.40	Morg Gren Inc	137	+6	...	4.2	27.2
2.53	Do Warrants	52	+3	...	...	...
16.70	Murray Euro	54	+2	0.1	0.4	...
1.11	Do Wts	18½	+1	...	...	...
290.40	Murray Income	346½	+5½	10.9	3.9	33.1
402.70	-do- Intl	335 †	+9½	11.6	4.3	30.2
215.40	-do- Small	384	+9	...	1.4	...
3.05	-do- S/C Inc	92	...	...	14.4	9.0
4.84	-do- S/C Cap	123	+1	...	...	...
1.59	-do- S/C Uts	3075	+200	...	4.3	...
9.31	-do- S/C DP	155½	...	...	...	...
75.10	-do- Vent	304 †	+6½	10.9	4.5	∞
106.00	New Frontier	106	+2	0.2	0.3	...
55.60	Nwthrog Inc	91 †	+2½	8.7	9.3	17.1
126.50	O'seas Inv Tst	332	+6	2.8	1.1	...
81.20	Pacific Assets	410	+18	1.1	0.3	...
12.00	Do Warrants	313	+18	...	...	...
12.50	Personal Assets	8250	...	...	2.4	49.3
270.60	RIT Cap Ptnr	150	+1	1.1	1.0	...
24.70	River & Merc	123	+1	9.2	9.3	12.3
	Robeco	418	+13	...	3.0	...
	Rolinco	413	+5	...	1.9	...
95.60	St Andrew Inv	278	+4	7.5	3.4	37.4
337.60	Scot American	151	...	...	3.8	31.9
48.50	Scott Asian	231	+6	...	...	...
3.89	do Warrants	555	+30	...	...	...
300.50	-do- Eastern	79	+1½	1.5	2.4	51.9
565.00	Scottish	222	+5	4.6	2.6	46.0
770.10	-do- Mtge	216	+4½	4.0	2.3	56.1
46.00	-do- Value	96	...	...	2.3	68.4
301.10	Second Allnce	1568	+33	...	3.1	39.5
286.70	Secs Tst of Scot	89½	+2	3.2	4.5	29.6
45.10	Selective Asset	156	-2	1.2	1.0	56.1
44.90	Sphere Inv	37	+1	3.1	10.7	11.7
72.10	TR Far East	153	+2	4.5	3.6	34.0
303.60	TR City Of Lon	152½	+4	...	3.9	33.2
114.60	TR Pacific	171	+7	0.3	0.3	...
91.00	TR Property	32	+1	0.9	3.5	33.6
48.00	TR Tech Inv	109	+11	1.7	2.0	40.4
340.40	TR Smlr Cos	191	+4½	...	2.5	44.2
194.20	Temple Bar	339	+4	13.2	4.9	25.6
98.00	Thrmtn Asian E	98	+2	0.5	0.6	...
227.90	Throgmorton	75	-1	2.3	3.8	30.6
18.00	Throg Dual Cp	513	...	...	...	...
83.10	USDC Invest	227	+2	4.5	2.5	41.8
47.50	Value Inc Tst	112	...	3.6	4.0	28.2
467.60	Whitbread Inv	741	+61	16.5	2.8	44.6
797.50	Witan	212½	+2½	5.6	3.3	37.2

LEISURE

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384.90	Airmurs	417	+13	7.2	2.2	14.8
35.70	Aid Leis	56	-1	3.0	6.9	∞
162.10	Anglia TV	365 †	-3	...	3.2	16.9
15.50	Baldwin	85	+1	3.0	4.4	11.5
24.20	Barr & W 'A'	244 †	+20	10.0	5.1	15.8
45.80	Boosey Hwks	1175 †	-24	22.0	1.3	17.6
13.70	Border TV▲	134	...	...	3.1	12.1
17.40	Brent Walker	6	...	...	...	...
3.07	Bristol Scots	35	+2	...	...	...
8.44	Buckingham Int	7	...	...	...	...
10.70	Campari	103	-39	...	...	...
157.70	Capital Radio	223	+3	5.2	3.0	25.8
1,506.40	Carlton Comm	757	-10	17.0	2.8	22.3
11.70	Castle Comm▲	188	+1	...	5.7	17.2
548.80	Central TV	2040 †	+11	38.0	2.3	22.2
31.30	Chrysalis	118	...	...	...	...
519.90	Compass Gp	579	+12	...	2.8	17.3
50.80	Eurocamp	193	-1	9.7	6.3	8.0
1,096.50	Euro Disney	645	-45	...	1.8	...
6.36	Euro Leisure	3½	-½	...	...	...
24.30	Ex-Lands	35	-1½	0.3	1.3	∞
11.00	Fairline Boats	313	+1	10.5	4.2	...
443.10	First Leisure	272	...	6.1	2.8	18.8
17.90	GWR Gp▲	585	+7	...	1.5	30.1
34.30	Grampian	343	-2	6.1	3.1	16.8
1.40	Greenwich Comm▲	20	...	...	...	...
58.80	HTV Group	85	+11	...	...	37.8
29.80	Hi-Tec Sports	64	+7	...	4.0	...
24.10	Kunick	10	+½	...	...	...
520.30	LWT Hldgs	503	-2	...	1.2	23.3
	Man Utd	591	+34	19.5	4.2	∞
122.30	Owners Abrd	75	-½	3.5	5.8	6.0
26.20	The Pelican Gp	68	+2	...	2.1	15.2
10.70	Prism Leisure▲	131	...	...	3.1	12.2
7.25	Quadrant Grp	31	+2	...	...	...
29.00	Radio Clyde▲	322	...	...	3.3	25.2
11.60	Ramsdens (H)	194	+7	...	2.9	25.7
197.80	Scot TV	412	-24	9.9	3.0	20.2
15.60	Southern Radio	53	-1	0.7	1.8	22.9
102.10	Stanley Leisure	229	+3	4.3	2.4	18.1
7.82	Sunleigh▲	8½	...	...	...	...
6.86	Sunset & Vine	120	...	3.5	3.6	14.0
647.30	Tanjong	345½	...	...	0.5	18.9
19.00	Ticketing▲	2½	...	...	...	...
16.00	Tottenham Hot	100	-4	...	...	3.2
20.70	Trans World▲	52	+1	...	1.9	19.0
52.30	Ulster TV	498	-1	10.0	2.5	15.3
70.90	Vardon	97	+4	0.7	1.0	22.9
46.40	Wembley	18	...	0.2	...	...
13.00	Whitegate	45	+6	...	...	...
116.40	Yorkshire TV	231	-3	12.0	6.5	7.0
7.61	Zetters Gp	116	...	8.0	8.6	13.1

MINING

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1,147.00	Am Gold	4750	+303½	...	4.3	24.1
395.20	Ang Am Coal	1568½	+25	...	5.8	8.3
4,954.80	Ang Am	2137½	+65½	...	3.2	18.6
24.10	Anglo Pac Res▲	31	-½	...	...	...
31.30	Blyvoors	130	+4	...	...	...
6.16	Bracken	44	+9	...	27.6	2.8
69.00	Buffels	627	+21	...	10.2	5.6
5.30	Butte	2½	+½	...	...	...
3,880.40	CRA	654	+14	...	3.1	22.4
22.10	Cluff Res	30½	+2½	...	...	...
4,847.60	De Beers	1275	+21½	...	3.8	17.5
126.40	Deelkraal	127	+20	...	1.5	14.6
23.60	Doornfontein	59	+13	...	...	...
1,544.30	Driefontein	757	+45	...	3.8	15.0
11.30	Durban	498	+39	...	...	...
62.40	E Rand Gold	136	+12	...	8.3	4.0
35.35	E Rand Prop	212	+4	...	...	...
362.70	Elandsrand	374	+8	...	3.2	9.2
930.20	FS Cons	790	+80	...	6.3	10.0
10.20	FS Dev	46	+8	...	...	...
1,211.80	GFSA	1256	+31	...	3.2	21.7
2,160.50	Gencor	157	-7	...	5.6	12.9
220.10	GM Kalgoorli	44	-½	...	3.0	17.9
11.30	Greenwich R 'A'	14½	-½	...	...	...
13.40	Grootvlei	117	+4	...	8.7	7.3
78.80	Harmony	293	+19	...	...	...
371.80	Hartles	332	+13	...	5.7	13.1
32.00	Inocco▲	15½	+½	...	...	...
453.40	Impala Plat	729	+13	...	3.8	25.1
8.76	Kenmare Res▲	9½	...	...	...	...
155.30	Kinross	863	+32	...	5.7	10.0
997.90	Kloof	720	+54	...	3.0	10.1
15.80	Leslie	99	+7	...	4.1	10.4
29.80	Loraine	182	+29	...	...	...
118.80	Lydenburg	750	...	...	2.6	...
1,238.60	MIM	88½	+7	...	2.5	42.9
2,126.00	Minorco	1241	-6	...	3.1	∞
821.10	Nth Brkn Hill	129	+3	...	3.7	21.2
444.70	Orange Free	1975	+231½	...	6.5	15.9
7,345.30	RTZ	691	+14	...	3.8	19.1
85.70	Rand Mines	575	+6½	...	10.6	2.8
355.80	Randfontein	582	+63	...	4.9	8.7
238.30	Renison	145	+8	...	3.0	15.0
1,315.90	Rustnbrg	1050	+28½	...	3.1	∞
49.40	St Helena	513	+44	...	4.7	10.0
438.10	Southvaal	1685	+248	...	3.3	30.7
9.80	Stilfontein	75	+5	...	8.3	13.6
34.20	Unisel	122	...	...	2.5	12.4
6,015.30	Vaal Reefs	5090	+500	...	4.3	9.1
181.40	Welkom	513	+43	...	6.4	16.0
165.30	Western Areas	410	+102	...	1.2	13.0
536.90	Western Deep	1937½	+112½	...	3.2	9.4
2,120.60	Wstrn Mining	227	+8	...	2.2	∞
105.10	Winkels	863	+39	...	1.6	7.4
88.20	Zambia Copper	72	-2	...	...	...
66.40	Zandpan	51	-3	...	5.9	17.2

MOTORS, AIRCRAFT

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
4.76	Abbey Panels	238	...	...	...	...
11.10	Airflow Stream	130	...	3.0	2.9	12.5
79.70	Appleyard	130 †	+½	...	5.0	...
14.50	Bletchley Mtr	318	...	...	3.5	16.2
30.30	Bostrom	192	+21	6.0	4.0	33.5
1,527.10	Br Aerospace	404	-13	7.0	2.2	...
51.80	Burndene	4½	...	...	3.2	13.2
12.50	Caffyns	378	...	11.5	3.8	76.5
19.40	Caverdale	13½	...	...	...	...
17.90	Central Mtr▲	134	...	...	3.7	34.1
11.10	Cook (DC)▲	26	...	...	2.9	14.8
354.70	Cowie (T)	251	+2	6.2	3.1	19.1
25.10	Dag Motors	139 †	-1	5.7	5.2	25.1
30.30	Davnptn Vern	155	+1	...	3.3	19.6
31.20	ERF	318	+20	2.0	0.8	...
51.40	European Mtr	137	+1	...	3.2	19.3
86.60	Evans Halshaw	401	+2	11.8	3.5	61.8
186.30	FR Group	240	-9	...	3.6	11.6
18,049.30	Ford Motor	3668½	-25	...	...	...
20,409.80	General Mtr	2887½	+93½	...	1.8	...
5.44	Gowrings	60	...	2.0	4.2	...
91.40	Henlys	229	...	3.0	1.6	...
9,551.40	Honda Motor	981	+28	...	0.9	...
2.71	Jacks (Wm)	25	...	...	...	...
8.74	Jessups	99	...	4.5	5.7	...
273.50	Kwik-Fit	159	-4½	...	2.6	22.5
369.30	Lex Service	392	-10	...	3.4	21.4
28.50	Lookers	149	+2	6.2	5.2	...
1,098.80	Lucas	155	+6	7.0	5.6	...
20.90	Malaya Grp	29½	-½	...	...	...
100.30	Pendragon	260	...	...	3.2	21.4
43.40	Perry Gp	173 †	-6	...	5.1	...
39.50	Quicks Group	172	...	...	3.3	22.0
1,304.20	Rolls-Royce	158½	+10	...	3.9	...
863.90	T & N	187	-1½	...	7.3	26.6
120.80	Trinity Hldgs	235	+13	...	3.0	21.8
80.00	Vardy (Reg)	175	+8	...	3.0	24.5
212.30	Westland	223	-6	4.2	3.4	19.7

NEWS, PUBLISHERS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
28.30	Adscene	191	...	5.0	3.3	19.6
5.52	Black (A&C)	358	-2	13.5	4.8	14.5
297.20	Blenheim Gp	322	-2	...	3.5	11.9
56.90	Bristol	349	-1	...	4.2	31.5
475.00	Daily Mail	9500	+25	13.0	1.7	21.4
471.30	Daily Mail 'A'	9425	+25	13.0	1.7	21.2
187.90	Dorling Kind	305	+12	3.3	1.4	∞
607.20	EMAP	350	-6	...	2.8	21.6
226.10	Euromoney Pb	1123	+25	29.5	3.3	25.3
21.70	Harrington K	222 †	-7½	4.5	2.5	18.5
46.90	Haynes Pub	458	-5	...	2.2	17.2
123.90	Hodder H'line	359 †	+½	4.5	1.6	30.5
12.70	Home Counts	122	-2	6.0	...	...
58.00	Intl Bus Comm	140	...	...	...	21.6
9.31	Ins Cm & Data▲	13½	...	...	...	...
294.10	Independent	375	...	...	3.1	20.2
177.10	Johnston Press	575 †	-½	6.2	1.4	24.9
31.50	Metal Bulletn	320	+2	8.0	3.1	22.6
677.40	Mirror Gp.	169	...	...	...	...
8,435.40	News Corp	460	-8	...	0.3	...
1,844.00	News Intl	267	-2	...	0.6	16.4
2,885.00	Pearson	527	-13	...	2.8	28.6
74.30	Portsmth Sund	618	...	...	1.9	17.0
4,134.60	Reed Int	737	+15	...	2.9	32.1
22.70	Southnews	150	+1	...	1.8	27.7
64.10	Sterling Pub▲	105	-2	...	2.3	18.2
518.60	Telegraph	387	+2	...	3.6	16.3
4,185.40	Thomson Corp	735	...	...	2.1	36.7
269.40	Trinity Intl	391	...	8.7	2.8	23.4
1.82	Unit Group▲	34	...	...	...	...
1,275.20	Utd Nwspapers	525 †	-9½	...	5.1	14.6

OILS, GAS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
94.00	Aran Energy	39½	...	...	...	32.6
24.40	Arcon Intl▲	42	...	...	...	...
	Aus Oil & Gas	60½	-2½	...	...	...
21.80	Aviva Ptl	89	-2	...	...	...
4.00	Beverley	11½	...	...	...	...
88.70	Br Borneo	197	-1	7.1	4.5	6.0
14,420.50	British Gas	333½	+7	14.2	5.4	15.8
17,597.00	Br Petroleum	323	-6½	8.4	3.3	25.4
8.53	Bula Resources	1½	-½	...	...	...
1,455.30	Burmah Castrl	770	-8	...	4.1	18.0
42.80	Cairn Energy	66	+4	...	...	9.4
475.70	Calor Gp	283	+11	...	5.4	15.1
201.70	Clyde Pet	50½	...	...	...	...
36.90	Copley Res	36	+3	...	...	...
2.93	Edin Oil & Gas▲	17½	...	...	...	...
2,222.50	Enterprise	466	-4	16.0	4.3	25.6
42.30	Exp Co Louis	40	+1	...	...	...
37.40	Fairhaven Intl	23½	+½	...	2.3	8.5
42.30	Fortune	4	-½	...	...	...
85.00	Goal Pet	64	+1½	1.4	2.7	12.2
37.60	Gt Western Res	41½	-½	...	...	...
196.40	Hardy O & G	174	+6	...	0.7	16.2
60.90	Kelt Energy	43	+2	...	...	...
1,049.90	LASMO	140	-5½	...	2.9	28.4
5.17	-do- Units	73 †	-½	9.4	16.2	...
13.00	Mid Scot Res▲	6½	-2½	...	...	...
352.10	Monument	53	+1	...	...	...
5.72	New London	4½	...	...	...	...
14.10	Nth Sea Assets	27	...	1.0	4.6	9.3
101.00	Oil Search	33	+1	...	...	...
	Petrol	18½	+1½	...	...	...
68.60	Pict Pet	131	...	...	...	∞
120.10	Premier	22	+1	...	...	8.1
28.60	Presidio	113	...	...	5.9	...
359.40	Ranger	365	-5	...	4.4	...
36,386.00	Royal Dtch Fl	6787½	-12½	...	4.6	16.8
10,413.20	Schlumberger	4300	-143½	...	1.9	...
34.40	Seafield	52	...	...	...	...
22,674.60	Shell	684	+8½	21.9	4.0	21.0
5.06	Sunrise Eng Sv	175	...	...	...	...
18.10	Triton Europe	22	...	...	...	...
14.60	Villers Grp	14½	...	...	...	...
1,153.30	Woodside	173	+4	...	2.0	...

PAPER, PRINT, ADVTG

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
25.90	AG Holdings	144	...	...	4.6	13.0
70.10	API	329	...	7.5	2.8	28.7
1,857.20	Arjo Wiggins	229	+15	...	3.5	37.0
81.40	Abbott Mead	543	+4	9.3	2.2	28.3
62.00	Aegis Gp	39½	+½	...	...	...
16.70	Aspen Comm▲	129	...	...	4.7	11.7
1.06	BBB Design▲	13	...	...	...	...
98.00	Bemrose	389 †	+3½	...	3.8	17.0
4.36	Birkdale	11	...	...	...	...
634.80	Bunzl	150 †	+7	4.0	3.3	22.6
40.10	CIA Gp	343	+14	...	1.6	21.7
48.10	Capital Inds	180 †	-3	...	2.2	17.2
5.87	City of Lon▲	76	-1	...	6.3	14.0
19.80	Cropper (James)	246	...	3.1	1.6	23.8
3.66	Crowd Com▲	6 #	...	...	...	...
7.63	Delyn Pckging	90	+4	1.6	2.3	12.1
27.60	Dolphin Pack	117 †	+½	4.5	4.8	28.9
8.04	Dudley Jenkins▲	70	-6	...	5.5	15.9
24.70	Elswick	12 †	+½	...	3.1	13.4
20.50	Fairway Group▲	66	+1	3.1	6.0	19.5
109.20	Ferguson Intl	333	-3	...	4.7	15.1
14.20	Ferry Pick	105	...	...	6.7	28.3
32.30	Flolaxe▲	144	...	...	1.1	18.6
4.80	Finch	13½	+2	...	...	...
10.90	Gibbon Lyons▲	121	...	...	5.2	13.7
99.20	Gold Greenlees	225	-50	8.3	4.6	18.1
3.29	Goodhead	21	...	0.5	2.8	...
22.60	Hunsterprint	39	...	...	...	...
8.84	Intereurope	165 †	+1	7.8	5.9	∞
83.30	Jarvis Porter	282	+2	...	2.2	24.4
13.80	Lopex	26	...	...	...	...
12.80	MDU	36½	+1½	...	...	...
107.20	More O'Ferrall	331 †	+2	13.2	5.0	39.7
49.00	NMC Group	123	+9	2.0	2.0	19.0
10.40	Osborne & Little	171	+2	...	3.4	18.8
315.90	Portals	489	-1	...	3.7	16.7
7.95	Premier Hlth	2½	+½	...	...	...
60.10	Quarto	285 †	+1	...	2.4	17.5
250.70	St Ives Gp	302	-5	5.2	2.2	20.6
356.20	Saatchi	182	...	...	...	...
485.50	Sappi	330	-18	...	9.9	6.3
7.43	Serif▲	30	-1	...	...	...
17.30	Shandwick	21	+½	...	...	...
539.60	Smith David	349	-6	...	3.6	18.3
1,108.20	Smurfit (Jeff)	227	-4	...	1.9	5.5
1.36	Sonic	68	...	1.5	2.8	37.9
47.30	Sun-Plus	220	-6	8.0	4.5	19.6
59.60	Taylor Nelson	27½	...	0.3	1.4	22.8
5.41	VTR▲	24	-6	...	5.7	21.1
521.60	WPP	101 †	-1½	...	1.2	3.8
133.00	Wace	178	+1	...	...	...
205.00	Waddington (J)	255	+2	...	3.9	19.1
253.40	Watmough	761	+14	11.3	1.9	29.9
5.81	Westport▲	5	-½	...	...	...
1.14	Whitney Mcke▲	16	+1	...	...	...
12.80	Wood (SW)	78	+2	...	2.0	16.7

PROPERTY

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
75.30	Allied Lon	109½	+½	...	4.2	22.5
5.49	Arcadian	62	...	...	...	...
20.30	Ascot Hldgs	5½	-½	...	...	...
90.30	Asda	115 †	+5½	...	2.3	12.1
62.10	Avonside	143	-4	4.0	3.5	20.0
6,585.30	BCE▲	2150	-50	...	...	...
285.40	Bilton	650	+2	18.9	3.7	23.3
7.31	Bourne End	85	-1	1.0	1.5	...
313.30	Bradford	218	+5	5.4	3.1	22.1
6.06	Bredero	16½	...	...	...	...
1,241.90	Br Land	413	+35	...	2.1	37.6
537.50	Brixton	232 †	+17	...	4.5	18.4
146.80	Burford	79	+1	...	1.8	...
55.10	Cap & Regnl▲	184½	+2½	...	0.7	...
5.57	Cardiff Prop	215	...	2.4	1.4	...
95.50	Chesterfield	516	+15	11.0	2.7	36.9
5.86	City Site Ests	38	...	1.4	...	...
5.15	Clarke Nickolls	25	...	...	...	...
28.10	Conrad Rbist GS	47	...	...	...	...
287.50	Daejan	1273	+4	...	2.7	15.2
4.20	Dares Estates	2½	...	...	...	...
47.20	Debenhm Twsn	108	+6	...	3.5	21.0
3.78	De Morgan	8	...	...	...	...
28.00	Denora	157	+1	3.0	2.4	...
67.30	Derwent Hldgs	575	+15	8.6	1.9	72.0
48.00	Development Sec	41	-1	...	...	...
6.80	Dwyer	53	...	...	...	...
17.10	Estates Agency	285	...	3.0	...	26.1
4.49	Estates Gen	21	...	...	...	...
138.60	Evans Of Leeds	209	-3	...	2.7	18.5
32.20	Five Oaks	33	...	...	...	...
5.29	Fletcher King	63	+1	1.0	2.0	41.7
228.40	Frogmore	455 †	+20½	16.0	4.4	∞
37.80	Grainger	190	...	5.2	3.5	42.5
695.60	Gt Portland	228	+12	...	4.4	21.8
21.90	Greycoat	25	...	...	...	...
4,083.80	HK Land	152	-2	...	4.2	20.0
259.90	Hambro Cntyw	79	...	0.5	0.8	...
232.30	Hammerson	399 †	+19½	10.0	3.1	40.4
709.60	-do- 'A'	369 †	+21½	10.0	3.4	37.3
40.90	Helical Bar	252 †	+4½	...	2.4	9.1
33.10	Hemingway	35	+3½	...	...	...
9.28	Herring Baker	58 †	+½	3.7	...	14.6
2.76	Jermyn	138	...	...	...	...
3,357.20	Land Sec	703	+25	22.8	4.1	21.2
340.60	Lon Merch Sec	99	+2	4.0	5.1	15.4
1.71	Lon & Metro	3	...	...	...	...
1,979.80	MEPC	510	+17	...	4.9	21.9
4.51	McInerney A	7½	...	...	...	...
38.10	McKay Secs	140	+5	3.5	3.1	19.2
6.41	Markheath	5½	...	0.5	...	...
7.47	Merivale Mre	54	+16	...	...	...
1.32	Merlin Intl	5 #	...	...	...	...
4.40	Moorfield Est	40	...	...	...	...
57.50	Mountview	1175	-125	20.0	2.1	11.7
103.10	Mucklow (A&J)	164	...	6.1	4.7	∞
5.98	Oliver Prop	38	...	1.5	5.4	...
5.23	Ossory Est	5½	+½	0.1	...	1.7
204.10	PSIT	168	+12	4.1	3.1	33.3
261.70	Peel	328	+16	4.0	1.5	...
6.40	Power Corp	5½	+½	...	...	...
7.21	Property Trust	38	+3	...	...	10.8
15.90	Raglan	51	-1	...	...	...
25.20	Regalian	21½	+2	...	...	...
16.90	Rowlinson Secs	135	...	1.5	1.4	36.9
56.00	St Modwen Prp	48	+2	0.6	1.6	36.6
23.70	Savills	64	...	...	2.0	25.3
103.90	Scot Met	107	+4	1.5	...	...
49.60	Shaftesbury	102	...	...	...	...
1.11	Shield	11½	...	...	...	...
1,034.60	Slough Estates	260	+15	...	3.8	18.8
77.10	Southend Prop	83	+5	...	3.6	...
59.80	Stanhope Prps▲	36	+1	...	...	...
94.60	Tops Ests	206	+9	2.1	1.3	73.4
130.70	Town Centre	129	+3	3.1	3.0	24.3
52.10	Trafford Park	77 †	+2	2.8	4.5	∞
1.69	UK Land	39	-2	...	...	...
15.50	Union Square	8	...	...	...	...
121.50	Warner	290	+1	10.5	5.3	22.9
83.70	Warnford	218	...	7.5	4.3	16.0
2.76	Waterglade	2½	...	...	...	...
121.90	Wates	79	+2	0.7	...	...
5.99	Wood John D▲	73	+1	...	...	...

SHOES, LEATHER

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
0.80	Automagic▲	14	-1	...	...	...
61.30	Headlam	180	...	...	1.8	40.6
20.20	Lambert	335	...	13.0	4.9	8.2
12.10	Pittards	56	+2	2.0	...	16.0
44.30	Strong & Fisher	26	...	1.0	4.8	7.2
35.30	Stylo	184	...	...	2.0	70.4
25.00	UK Safety	65	+1	...	9.8	2.1

TEXTILES

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
147.00	Allied Text	514	...	12.6	3.1	16.5
7.45	Beckman (A)	61	...	3.5	7.6	∞
3.86	Bolton Gp	41	+5	...	...	20.9
21.60	Br Mohair	163	+2	8.5	6.5	15.3
2.37	Charnwell▲	38	-3	...	...	...
139.00	Claremont Gs	345	+11	7.2	2.6	31.5
546.40	Courtauld Text	541	-16	13.6	3.1	14.8
5.38	Cupid▲	30	...	...	...	...
301.50	Dawson	103	+4	...	5.8	14.7
7.64	Drummond	47	+4	...	...	...
9.58	Faupel▲	82	...	...	7.5	12.7
2.29	Foster (John)	20	...	...	...	...
5.97	Gaskell	129	...	4.2	4.3	...
36.30	Hicking Pntcst	220	...	...	2.3	17.1
6.49	Jerome (S)	86	-3	...	...	...
115.20	Lamont	384	+15	12.0	3.9	25.2
94.80	Leeds	499	-1	...	1.8	24.1
10.20	Lister	62	...	0.1	0.2	...
5.81	Lyles (S)	80 †	+9½	3.3	5.2	∞
50.50	Magellan	198	...	1.4	0.9	...
9.63	Parkland 'A'	168	+2	2.0	1.5	...
187.60	Readicut	97½	+1	...	4.4	18.4
2.17	SEET	54	-4	...	...	...
78.60	Sirdar	147	+12	...	4.7	9.9
59.00	Stirling Gp	68	+2	1.8	3.4	16.7
33.00	Stoddard	47	-1	...	4.0	43.7
18.60	Tomkinsons	299	...	11.5	4.8	25.8
9.77	West Trust	39	...	2.5	8.0	∞
17.50	Yorklyde	178	...	...	3.2	10.7

TOBACCOS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
14,334.20	BAT	466	+4	...	5.0	16.0
3,867.40	Rothmans 'B'	634	-4	11.5	2.3	12.6

TRANSPORT

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
903.30	Assoc Br Ports	482	+30	...	2.2	...
4,472.70	BAA	877	+22	...	2.3	22.8
3,567.30	Br Airways	375½	+14	...	3.5	20.7
21.90	Clarkson (H)	96	-4	1.5	2.0	...
26.30	Davies Newman	23 #	...	...	...	...
1,318.90	Eurotunnel Uts	494	-12	...	...	...
19.70	Fisher (James)	80	...	1.0	1.6	21.5
31.00	IoM Steam	207	...	...	4.8	10.9
8.79	Jacobs (JI)	36	+1	0.5	1.7	...
13.80	Lon O'Seas Frts	91	...	...	1.5	16.7
249.40	Mersey Docks	415	+2	9.0	2.9	26.8
96.60	Natl Express	244	...	...	3.6	25.2
1,518.00	NFC	274 †	+6½	6.5	3.0	20.8
305.40	Ocean Group	328	+1	...	5.5	...
25.00	Ocean Wilson	63	-2	4.0	7.9	11.4
3,333.00	P & O Dfd	592	+36	...	6.4	32.1
118.60	P & O 5 1/2%	178	-7	...	3.9	...
380.90	Powell Duffryn	578	+8	...	4.0	22.4
19.50	Seacon▲	200	+2	...	3.2	12.6
193.80	Stagecoach	160	...	...	3.0	∞
347.60	TNT	61½	+2	...	...	...
303.60	Tibbet & Britn	698 †	+12½	11.8	2.1	26.6
136.20	Tiphook	123	-130	...	19.6	...
374.80	TDG	256	-3	...	4.6	8.5

WATER

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1,598.40	Anglian Water	540	+14	...	4.9	11.0
39.30	Mid Kent Hdgs	347	+7	...	3.8	12.8
443.40	Northumbrian	655	+25	...	4.3	6.7
1,980.60	North West	531	+20	...	5.0	9.8
1,978.10	Severn Trent	551	+20	...	4.8	8.8
946.30	Sthrn Water	568	+16	...	4.7	9.5
85.40	Sth Staffs	1525	...	47.0	3.9	10.9
728.00	South West	581	+21	...	5.1	9.5
2,175.60	Thames Water	535	+19	...	4.7	10.9
916.30	Welsh Water	635	+31	...	4.6	6.4
815.10	Wessex Water	651	+26	...	4.5	9.8
1,126.30	Yorkshire W	564	+26	...	4.7	9.6

Source: Finstat

▲ USM; # Price at suspension; † Ex dividend; ‡ Ex scrip; † Ex rights issue; ‡ Ex all; § Ex capital distribution; ∞ Figures or report awaited; ... No significant data.

BRITISH FUNDS

SHORTS (under 5 years)

Stock Outstanding (£million)	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
1,066	Treas 13¾% 1993	100	...	13.63	5.75
2,100	Treas 8½% 1994	100	...	8.43	5.57
550	Treas 14½% 1994	103	...	14.01	5.46
1,100	Exch 13½% 1994	104 †	...	12.95	5.50
1,900	Treas 10% 1994	102	...	9.72	5.53
1,240	Exch 12½% 1994	105	...	11.81	5.45
1,900	Treas 9% 1994	103	...	8.69	5.49
2,350	Treas 12% 1995	108	...	11.11	5.47
214	Gas 3% 1990-95	97 †	...	3.07	4.56
2,500	Exch 10¼% 1995	107	...	9.52	5.57
840	Treas 12¾% 1995	113	...	11.22	5.70
770	Treas 14% 1996	117	...	11.95	5.80
1,150	Treas 15¼% 1996	121 †	...	12.51	5.90
800	Exch 13¼% 1996	117	...	11.30	5.92
3,409	Conv 10% 1996	110	...	9.02	6.06
1,200	Treas 13¼% 1997	120	...	11.00	6.20
3,700	Exch 10½% 1997	112	...	9.30	6.16
5,550	Treas 8¾% 1997	108	...	8.05	6.18
830	Exch 15% 1997	130 †	...	11.53	6.39
3,550	Exch 9¾% 1998	112	...	8.67	6.34
6,250	Treas 7¼% 1998	103	...	6.98	6.24
1,200	Treas 8½% 1995-98	101 †	...	6.67	5.99
970	Treas 14% 1998-01	128	...	10.90	6.67

MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)

Stock Outstanding (£million)	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
935	Treas 15½% 1998	137 †	+¼	11.28	6.55
3,909	Exch 12% 1998	122	...	9.78	6.65
1,900	Treas 9½% 1999	113	...	8.39	6.47
3,050	Exch 12¼% 1999	124	...	9.80	6.70
1,252	Treas 10½% 1999	117	...	8.90	6.66
1,798	Conv 10¼% 1999	117	...	8.70	6.67
5,358	Conv 9% 2000	112	...	8.00	6.54
3,171	Treas 13% 2000	132	...	9.80	6.86
4,406	Treas 10% 2001	118	...	8.47	6.81
6,527	Treas 9¾% 2002	118	...	8.23	6.91
4,350	Treas 8% 2003	108	...	7.30	6.81
2,503	Treas 10% 2003	121	...	8.24	6.97
1,630	Treas 11½% 2001-04	125 †	...	9.19	7.08
343	Fund 3½% 1999-04	80	...	4.33	5.93
3,412	Conv 9½% 2004	118 †	+1¼	7.99	7.00
4,842	Conv 9½% 2005	119 †	...	7.97	7.03
2,200	Treas 12½% 2003-05	138	+1	9.14	7.28
2,000	Treas 8% 2002-06	106	...	7.52	7.04
3,150	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	129	...	9.04	7.24
5,497	Treas 8½% 2007	112	+1½	7.58	7.09
1,250	Treas 13½% 2004-08	144	...	9.31	7.59

LONGS (over 15 years)

Stock Outstanding (£million)	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
5,321	Treas 9% 2008	117 †	...	7.69	7.12
3,100	Treas 8% 2009	107	...	7.41	7.15
4,373	Conv 9% 2011	118	...	7.62	7.16
5,150	Treas 9% 2012	118	...	7.58	7.16
1,000	Treas 5½% 2008-12	87	+½	6.32	6.73
800	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	106	+1½	7.27	7.09
4,350	Treas 8% 2013	108	+1½	7.35	7.15
1,000	Exch 12% 2013-17	148	...	8.07	7.32
6,500	Treas 8¾% 2017	117	...	7.42	7.16

UNDATED

Stock Outstanding (£million)	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
1,909	War Ln 3½%	48	...	7.23	...
475	Treas 2½%	34 †	+½	7.35	...

INDEX-LINKED

Stock Outstanding (£million)	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
500	Treas IL 2% 1994	135	+½	...	...
1,200	Treas IL 2% 1996	200	...	1.51	2.36
600	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	110 †	+½	1.93	2.54
1,350	Treas IL 2½% 2001	169	...	2.63	2.98
1,050	Treas IL 2½% 2003	166	+½	2.76	3.05
600	Treas IL 4⅜% 2004	113 †	...	2.79	3.07
1,550	Treas IL 2% 2006	177	...	2.78	3.00
1,550	Treas IL 2½% 2009	161	+1	2.93	3.12
1,550	Treas IL 2½% 2011	168	+1½	2.95	3.13
2,150	Treas IL 2½% 2013	139	+1	2.99	3.15
2,400	Treas IL 2½% 2016	150	+1½	3.01	3.16
2,400	Treas IL 2½% 2020	145	+1½	3.06	3.19
1,700	Treas IL 2½% 2024	122	+1½	3.05	3.16

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REPORTING THIS WEEK

Healthy outlook at Body Shop

BODY Shop International, Anita and Gordon Roddick's natural cosmetics and toiletries retailer, is expected to show that it has weathered the worst of the recession in the UK. The tone on prospects is also likely to be optimistic.

Julie Ramshaw, of Morgan Stanley, expects continuing progress overseas to help first half pre-tax profits, due on Thursday, to advance to £8.8 million (from £8.26 million). Market forecasts range from £8.8 million to £9.3 million. An improved interim dividend of 0.8p (0.68p) is predicted.

Body Shop's US operations should have continued to trade well, with 3 per cent like-for-like growth expected and another 45 stores planned for the year ahead. The Continent should have fared well, in spite of recession.

The UK had a tough first quarter, but the second is expected to show signs of fragile recovery and offer greater optimism for the year. In spite of greater competition from Boots, analysts expect Body Shop to continue to forge ahead, with a wealth of green opportunities still to be exploited on the cosmetics side.



Anita and Gordon Roddick are thought to have a recipe for weathering recession

TODAY

This year's dividend from **Lucas Industries** has been the subject of intense debate in the City. It increasingly looks as if the automotive and aerospace group will maintain its total year's payout at 7p, but many analysts expect an enhanced scrip dividend on the final.

Adam Collins, of Smith New Court, expects final pre-tax profit of £40.1 million (£22.5 million). Market forecasts range from £35 million to £52 million. Mr Collins is looking for a maintained dividend, but adds that there is every chance of a cut.

Weaker automotive markets, especially in Europe, where car output is down by 17 per cent this year, should be offset by stronger sales of diesel equipment, higher output to Japanese transplants in the UK and currency benefits.

Aerospace profits should be up, but this will largely reflect an absence of stock write-downs, which hit last time's figures. Lucas's trading statement is likely to be subdued.

Highland Distilleries, producer of The Famous Grouse whisky, is expected to turn in final pre-tax profits of £39.7 million (£28.8 million), according to the drinks team at NatWest Securities. Market forecasts range from £37 million to £40 million. A dividend of 6.6 (6p) is predicted.

The Famous Grouse brand has been gaining market share in the UK, in spite of deteriorating conditions in the sector. In Highland's export markets, the link with Remy Cointreau is expected to boost the Famous Grouse.

In spite of recent progress at **Eurotunnel**, significant issues remain unresolved and analysts await more details. The analysts want to hear the latest on matters ranging from construction progress, contractual disputes, rolling stock details, traffic forecasts and pricing policy and want an update on finances, with the group's funding plans having to be presented to its banking syndicate in November.

Interims: Aminex, Eurotunnel, Frank G Gates, Premier Health Group, Ryan Hotels.
Finals: Canadian Overseas Packing, Highland Distilleries Co, Hong Kong Inv Tst, Lucas Industries, Perstorp AB, Scottish Asian Inv Co, Tay Homes.
Economic statistics: Producer price index numbers (September).

TOMORROW

UBS expects **St Ives**, the UK's largest independent printer, to turn in flat full-year pre-tax profits of £21.2 million (£21.1 million) as trading conditions in Britain and America remain tough, especially on the magazine side, accounting for about 50 per cent of sales. Market forecasts range from £21 million to £22.5 million.

Interims: Boxmore International, Clinton Cards, Derwent Valley, FR Group, Ross Group, Tie Rack.
Finals: Exmoor Dual Investment, St Ives, William Sinclair Holdings, Town Centre Securities.

WEDNESDAY

Attwoods, the waste industry operator, is expected to report final pre-tax profit of £30 million, including £5.3 million of exceptional currency gains, up from £25.1 million last time, Philip Morrish, of Smith New Court, says. Market forecasts range from £27 million to £37 million. UK operations are likely to be poor, and Europe, especially Germany, will have begun to suffer from deepening recession and increased competition. The core US waste management business, accounting for about 70 per cent of group turnover, should show a strong advance, offset by continuing losses at the Mindis recycling plant.

Interims: N Brown Group, Delyn Group, Densitron International, Seton Healthcare. **Finals:** Attwoods, Goodhead Group.
Economic statistics: Retail prices index (September), index of output of production industries (August), capital issues and redemptions (September), index of production and construction for Wales (Q2).

THURSDAY

Hunting, the aviation, defence and oil services group, should report interim pre-tax profits of £16 million (£13.5 million), according to UBS.

Interims: Automated Security (Q3), Barlows, BNB Resources, Body Shop Intnl, Chepstow Racecourse, El Oro Mining, Exploration Co, Hunting, Jackson Group, Quadrant Group, William Sindall, Tudor.
Finals: John Maunders Group, JD Wetherspoon.
Economic statistics: New earnings survey 1993, part B, labour market statistics: unemployment and unfilled vacancies (September, provisional); average earnings indices (August, provisional); employment, hours productivity and unit wage costs; industrial disputes.

FRIDAY

Interims: Brooks Services Group, Craig & Rose, Fleming Income & Capital Inv Trust, Jakart Fund (Cayman).
Economic statistics: Usable steel production (September), half-yearly update of seasonal adjustments to monetary aggregates.

PHILIP PANGALOS

Recovery may be patchy and unsteady

BY PHILIP BASSETT
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BRITAIN'S economic recovery may be flattening out, two business surveys say today. Falling business activity in the financial sector suggests what recovery there is, to be patchy and uneven.

Dun & Bradstreet, the world's largest business information company, says that its latest survey of more than 1,700 managing directors, conducted early last month, shows a drop in export demand, static new orders and continuing job cuts, suggesting that the economic recovery may already be flattening out.

Overall business confidence rose again for the fourth quarter in succession in the D&B survey, with two thirds of all firms now expecting to increase sales in this quarter, compared with the same time last year, and only 15 per cent expecting them to fall. But export optimism has fallen for the second successive quarter, with two out of three companies not expecting to increase exports.

The CBI agrees today that the economic recovery continues to be patchy and unsteady, based on its latest survey of business activity in the financial services sector. The CBI's survey, carried out with Coopers & Lybrand, shows that activity in the sector fell slightly over the last three months, mainly caused by a downturn in business with industrial and commercial companies. This confirmed the CBI's view that their increasing optimism about the economy was still not being translated into firm investment in plant and machinery. However, business with individuals continued to expand.

☐ The monthly survey of fund managers for October, conducted by Gallup for Smith New Court, shows continued interest in UK equities and confidence for the economy. A balance of 22 per cent of institutions intend to raise their UK equity holdings in October, up sharply from 7 per cent.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

South Africans race to mount Greycoat offer

A SUBSTANTIAL investor in Greycoat, the property company whose preference shareholders spurned a rescue bid from Postel, the pension fund, last week, is lining up a further possible bid for the company. Brian Myerson and Julian Treger, two South Africans whose UK Active Value Fund has amassed an 18 per cent holding in the ordinary shares, have approached Greycoat and indicated their willingness to put together their own approach, according to sources close to the company. The two face substantial losses if the receivers go in, a course that the board has warned shareholders is a strong possibility.

The company could collapse before a further rescue bid. Receivers could be called in at the instigation of the zero bond holders, a class of creditors who rank behind the larger class of bondholders and the banks, but ahead of preference and ordinary shareholders, and who can look to a return of 66p in the pound if the company is broken up. "If something is going to happen on this, it has got to happen fairly quickly," said one party close to the negotiations last night.

B&W employee charged

BRISTOL & West building society has confirmed that a former employee has been charged in connection with the disappearance of investors' funds, allegedly from dormant accounts. The society refused to confirm that between £100,000 and £130,000 of withdrawals were made. Bristol & West said: "An individual, allegedly working with outsiders, has been charged with conspiracy to defraud and forgery while employed by the society."

Trafalgar change likely

HONGKONG Land, Trafalgar House's biggest shareholder, at 25 per cent, is likely to tighten its hold on the shipping and hotels group in December with the announcement of Nigel Rich to be chief executive. Mr Rich, due to retire in March as Hong Kong head of Jardine Matheson, a shareholder in Hongkong Land, is favourite for the job. This would require Allan Gormly to stand down after little more than a year as chief executive. Mr Gormly is to stay with the group.

Jobs threat at NatWest

NATIONAL Westminster Bank may step up its branch closure rate, bringing cuts of at least 500 of the bank's 2,600 outlets in the next three years. The bank said: "We don't have figures set in stone, but we have cut 140 to 150 branches over the last three years and there is no reason to believe this will stop. Closures may take place at a faster rate than previously." NatWest said in 1990 that it planned 15,000 job cuts in the next five years.

Gartmore boosts board

GARTMORE, the UK fund manager owned by Banque Indosuez, has appointed four non-executive directors in preparation for its listing on the London Stock Exchange next month. Victor Benjamin, deputy chairman of Tesco, Simon Duffy, group finance director at Thorn EMI, Nigel Rudd, chairman of Williams Holdings, and James Watson, chairman of NFC, have agreed to join the board. Mr Rudd will be the senior independent non-executive director.

GILT-EDGED

UK bond market has further to fall

Real bond yields have fallen sharply in most international markets this year. Investors seem to have given up hope that world economic growth will return to the rates enjoyed in the late 1980s. The next few years are likely to be a much more difficult time, since most of the benefits of deregulation in the developed economies have already been seen.

Shifts in economic activity from the industrial countries to less advanced regions are likely to result in short-term dislocation of trading patterns, inimical to overall growth. High real yields would not be sustainable in this environment. Borrowers would find no profit in raising funds to finance capital investment on the real yields that ruled earlier this year.

Though the argument for real lower yields is a strong one, there are grounds for concern that in many markets the decline in yields has gone too far. On ten-year US Treasuries, for example, the nominal yield of 5.3 per cent leaves a real yield of only 2.3 per cent when deflated by the current and prospective underlying inflation rate of 3 per cent. For ten-year German government bonds, the real yield, calculated on the basis of the current 4 per cent inflation rate, is a meagre 1.9 per cent.

Only on the assumption that German inflation drops to 2 per cent and stays there, would real yields fit within the long-term historical range of 3.5-4.0 per cent. They are taking a lot on trust.

There still seems to be scope for real yields to fall in the UK gilts market. The yields on index-linked point to real yields on gilts still around 3 per cent. While this is much lower than the real yield of 4.5 per cent or more 18 months ago, it is slightly above the long-term average real gilt yield, estimated on the average annual difference between gilt yields and inflation rates. This calculation, in fact probably overestimates the long-term real yield because it includes within that yield an element of risk premium required to compensate for fixed coupon stocks' failure to provide a guaranteed real return.

Since the UK is arguably further into the economic recovery cycle than continental Europe, a higher real yield on gilts than on German bonds might be justified. Even so, the UK is less far into recovery than the US and yet American real yields are some way below their UK equivalents. Bond markets do not seem to be making fine economic judgments in setting differentials between real yields on national currencies. They appear to be assuming that real yields should equalise across markets and that a subdued world economy dictates convergence on a low real yield level.

The evidence for a strong recovery in the UK economy looks less convincing as the weeks go by. The latest CBI industrial trends survey suggested that the downturn in continental business activity is beginning to impact on UK companies. While it is probably unduly pessimistic to forecast a relapse into recession, there is likely to be a levelling off in UK output.

This could result in more labour shedding, which would strangle the nascent revival in consumer confidence. Any threat to UK gilts from economic recovery will be postponed until European economies pick up. This is not likely to happen until later next year.

The relatively high real yield on gilts is a positive factor for the market. Index-linked yields seem set to fall from current levels towards 2.5 per cent in the months ahead as investors seek to lock in real returns that are still generous compared with the returns likely to be earned in other market sectors. Falling real yields will also boost fixed coupon gilts, but, in the near term, this market will probably suffer from rising concerns over inflation.

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WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 36

TRUCKLING

(b) That which is subordinate or inferior, that which truckles. 1868, Farrar, *Silence & V:* "Our beloved English Church ... may, even yet, be unable to escape ... the Nemesis ... due to the sluggish impotence and truckling worldliness of her 18th Century." 1728, Ramsay *Epistle to Burchet:* "The like of you ... Should gar the trockling rogues look blue."

DEBILE

(b) Weak, feeble, suffering from debility. From the French *debile*, de + *habilis*, able, apt, etc. Adapted from the Latin *debil-is*, wanting in ability. 1890, E. Johnson, *Rise of Christendom:* "In the form of a very debile old man of 202 years. 1659 Baxter, *Key Cath:* "Where the fact or Proposition from the Light of Nature is more debile."

DIMBER

(b) Pretty. 1837, Disraeli, *Venetia:* "'Tis a dimber cove' whispered one of the younger men to a companion." *Ibid:* "Tip me the clank like a dimber mort." (a pretty wench).

DANDY-ROLLER

(c) A perforated roller for solidifying the partly-formed web of paper, and for impressing the water-mark. Patented by John Wilks in 1830. 1875, URE *Dictionary of Arts:* "The pulp ... receiving any desired marks by means of the dandy-roller." 1879, *Printing Trades Journal:* "Dandy-roll ... for producing water-marks on writing papers."

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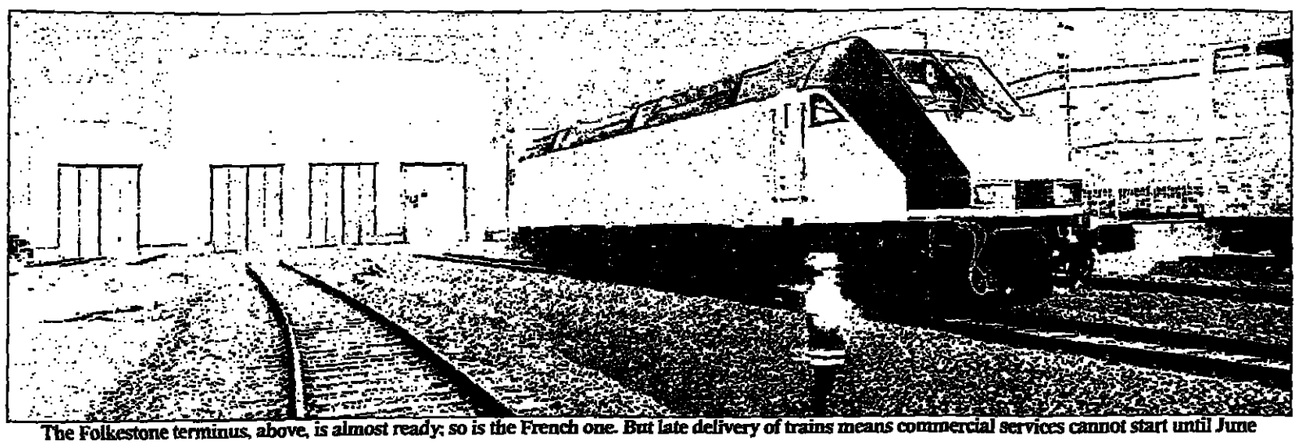
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The Folkestone terminus, above, is almost ready; so is the French one. But late delivery of trains means commercial services cannot start until June

Channel tunnel could set the signals for a new age of rail

When drive-on, drive-off passenger shuttles begin to run through the tunnel next summer, they will show Britons what modern train travel is, Ross Tieman says

The official opening of the Channel tunnel next year will pose a diplomatic conundrum. Which head of state will first travel through the tunnel to join the other for the celebratory journey together through the tunnel? Surreal though the question seems, it fits the Channel tunnel perfectly. The seven-year project has been a nightmare tangle of delays, disputed liabilities and financial crises. This must surely become a textbook example of how not to develop public infrastructure.

The historic journey by President Mitterrand and Queen Elizabeth II, in whichever direction, is set to take place on Friday, May 6. That is a mere 11 months late. But even then, there will be no through passenger services, apart from a few "souvenir specials" laid on by British Rail for rail buffs.

The trains, which must service and repay the £6.5 billion debt of Eurotunnel, the project developer, will build up scheduled services gradually through 1994, as the power cars and rolling stock become available.

Eurotunnel and its partners are close to completing a revolutionary transport system. Many Britons will have their introduction to modern, high-speed train travel. BR privatisation permitting, we will discover the train as an alternative to traffic jams and airport delays, an alternative for passengers and freight alike.

Of course, the Channel tunnel may yet turn out to be a commercial irrelevance, like Concorde. But experience elsewhere in Europe suggests that high-speed trains both attract custom away from alternative modes of transport and change perceptions of rail as a means of travel.

The tunnel is practically complete and commissioning is under way. Engineers manning the duplicate control centres at Folkestone and Coquelles, near Calais, are testing facilities in the triple 30-mile bores that run beneath the Channel waters separating their sites.

Ventilation fans, cooling systems, power supplies and signals are being checked and rechecked. At Coquelles, a swirl of rail tracks across the flat French countryside is bridged and equipped with the ramps and buildings that will ensure the steady loading and discharge of cars and lorries.

At Folkestone, a smaller loading and unloading site nuzzling into the scarp slope of the North Downs, they are painting the white lines and planting the shrubs. Six hundred miles away in the Czech Republic, where little-used railtracks are available, two locomotives, driven by Eurotunnel crews, are undergoing endurance tests.

On December 10, TransManche Link, the Anglo-French contractor, is scheduled to hand over the project to Eurotunnel, the owner and operator. Already, Eurotunnel has recruited almost 1,600 of the 2,700 staff required to bring the link into full operation.

As the new year gets into its stride, Eurotunnel will begin running dummy services, gradually upping the tempo, and varying the mix of trains, until it is confident that the system can shift 20 trains an hour in each direction. In theory, the capacity, at 30 trains an hour each way, comfortably exceeds projected demand for shuttles and the ability of Network SouthEast to deliver rail traffic to the Folkestone terminus.

In early March, still two months ahead of the opening ceremony, the first commercial service is set to run through the tunnel. This will be a freight train run, like as not, by Railfreight Distribution, the international freight arm set up by BR.

British Rail believes that rail is more cost effective than road haulage over distances of more than 400 miles. The ability to offer through services to continental cities is therefore expected to triple the amount of freight carried on British tracks to six million tonnes a year. Almost £500 million is being invested in a network of nine regional freight trans-shipment centres and rolling stock to service them.

By the end of March, the first Eurotunnel shuttle trains, carrying articulated lorries between the two termini, will start to run. By May, in time for the summer tourist season, the passenger car drive-on, drive-off shuttles will swing into operation. The final element, and for public perceptions the most important, is the through passenger service, which will link London to Paris in three hours and to Brussels in 3¼ hours, centre to centre.

Waterloo International, an elegant glass and steel adjunct to the south London terminus capable of accommodating the huge 20-car trains, was officially opened on May 17. On the other side of the Channel, the TGV Nord high-speed train line from Paris's Gare du Nord to Coquelles is complete and a scaled-down service north from Paris is operating.

Because of late deliveries of trains by GEC-Alsthom, the manufacturer, too few trainsets will be available to begin commercial services between Europe's capitals before mid-June. Only later will the schedules build up. Services will share a common brand, Eurostar, but will be supplied by co-operating national companies, with European Passenger Services, a BR subsidiary, operating 11 trainsets, France's SNCF 16 and Belgian Railways, four. Each will carry 794 passengers at up to 185 mph, although speeds in Britain, where they will use existing track, will be much lower.

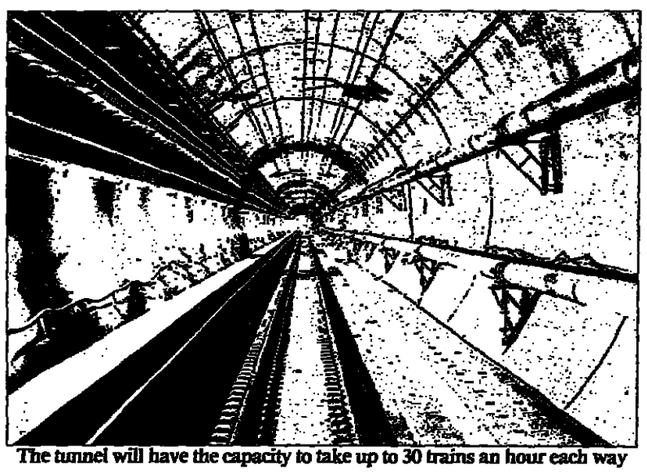
But progress is at last being made towards building a high-speed link through Kent and Essex to either Euston or St Pancras, in London. Union Railways, the private-sector grouping that will construct the £2.5 billion link, has almost succeeded in settling the route. Once Eurotunnel services begin and the level of demand becomes clear, the Union project developers will be better able to work out how to finance their link.

Union's directors will be well-placed to learn from Eurotunnel's mistakes. The cost of the Channel tunnel turns out to be £10 billion, more than twice the original estimate. By the end of the year, the company will have drawn down about £6.5 billion of its £7.28 billion loan facilities. Although Graham Corbett, the finance director, has been trying to swap his £5.8 billion of floating-rate debt into fixed-rate agreements now that interest rates have fallen, the company had been expected to need another £650 million to keep it going until projected break-even in 1996-7. A £300 million rights issue next year and a return to the banks for more cash seems inevitable.

Eurotunnel's interim announcement, expected today, should provide updated traffic forecasts, which will give investors a more accurate picture of the likely build up in cash-flow. By one bankers' estimate, Eurotunnel faces a £900 million deficit next year; he forecasts that that will shrink to £400 million in 1995 but that the company will not make a profit until 1999.

But the banks are in Jeremiah mood. Vehicle traffic growth across the Channel has been in double figures for each of the past three years, despite recession. The omens are good.

Once the tunnel is open, its success will depend on the ability of Eurotunnel and its partners to maintain an excellent service at a price that represents value for money. If they deliver, Britain can look forward to a private-sector rail transport revolution. If they do not, woe betide us all.



The tunnel will have the capacity to take up to 30 trains an hour each way

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Security alert

IF enhanced scrip dividends are declared offside by the Chancellor in next month's Budget, the débâcle surrounding the profit warning from Automated Security (Holdings) on Friday is hardly a fitting epitaph to what was originally a smart idea from BZW.

ASH, which had already declared a scrip dividend alternative, had hoped to tell the market about its poor trading and provisions in its third quarter results next week but was forced into an earlier announcement when word leaked out and the shares started to fall. Then the market sank into total confusion when mistyping enlarged the size of discontinued losses from £2 million to £32 million.

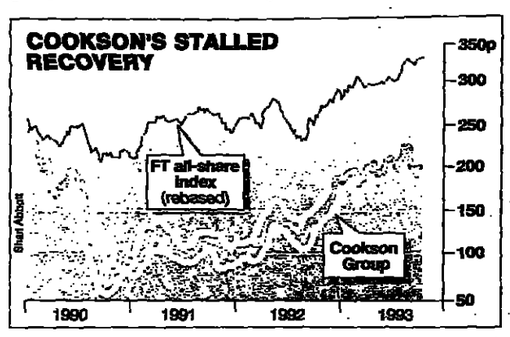
Now ASH is faced with the unenviable choice of scrapping the enhanced scrip dividend, which would create an administrative nightmare since many of the new shares have been placed with institutions, or enduring lasting acrimony from institutions that feel they have been cheated. Aside from the farce, two questions remain. First, should ASH really have allowed the strike price of the enhanced scrip to have been fixed only days before it was due to announce bad news? Second, when BZW advised the group to adjust or cancel the enhanced scrip after the announcement, in whose interest was it acting? BZW seems to have been caught between its role as ASH's broker and its task of placing the enhanced scrip shares.

The main beneficiaries of any alteration of the scrip terms are the institutions that bought the stock last week, who may otherwise hold a lasting, albeit unjustified, grudge against BZW for selling it to them. In a rights issue or placing, ASH would have had to undergo a rigorous financial examination to ensure that such a shock could not occur. This affair has unmasked the real peril of these rolling rights issues.

Cookson

SUGGESTIONS that Cookson and Johnson Matthey have been talking about combining between their precious metals businesses provided a little stimulus last week for Cookson's shares, which have been one of the worst performers among the top 200 companies since the rights issue in March.

Whatever the truth in the speculation, there is little doubt that Cookson will continue to announce a steady stream of deals as it rationalises its diverse interests. The group's problem is the cash hunger of many of its businesses. Capital spending is running at 1.6 times depreciation, and BZW, the broker, estimates that Cookson needs an operating margin of 9.1 per cent to achieve a positive cash flow. Many of the smaller businesses in Cookson's engineered products and plastics divisions do not look up to that. Plastic additives, plastic mouldings and castings all appear candidates for disposal. That would leave Cookson more focused on its world-leading ceramics and electronic circuitry products, particularly since low gearing allows the group to build on modest acquisitions. Reorganisation benefits will be enhanced by refinancing the costly preference share issue in 1994. This should add £3.7 million to annual net profits. Together, these factors should boost profits in the next three years, so the shares look reasonable value whether or not Cookson finds common ground with JM.



Albert Fisher

THIS Wednesday, Albert Fisher launches the pathfinder prospectus for Charles Sidney, the Mercedes dealership which it is demerging with an expected price tag of £20 million. In selling investors something they already own, Fisher is treading an increasingly fashionable path. Only last week, J Bibby announced a demerger.

Sidney's flotation implies that Fisher could not sell the business privately at the right price or on the right terms. Dealerships are hard to sell since carmakers hold an effective veto by threatening to withdraw their franchise. But Fisher's decision to float the business to raise capital looks slightly greedy. Its debts have already fallen to £40 million so the float will leave the group almost ungeared. While this will help it make acquisitions in its core food processing business, it was hardly necessary. Fisher would have earnt more plaudits if, copying Williams Holdings' demerger of its Pendragon car dealership four years ago, it had chosen to distribute Sidney's share capital to its existing shareholders, who own it after all.

British Syphon

BRITISH Syphon shareholders may wonder what sort of animal their company will become after the takeover by Graystone. Once a food group called Ptarmigan, Graystone is transforming into an engineering mini-conglomerate after buying three companies from Prospect Industries in November, followed by the purchase of Cableform from FKI last May.

The merger with Syphon adds engineering businesses with trading profits of some £3.5 million to the Cableform business, which makes about £1.3 million. Graystone must sell the rump of the Ptarmigan companies, which include sausage casings and country hotels. The market took a jaundiced view of Graystone's bid by marking Syphon's shares down 12p to 83p despite the inclusion of 76p of cash in the offer. Such lack of enthusiasm might stem from worries about the prodigious amount of paper Graystone has been generating. It is issuing 179 million shares as part of the takeover and linked rights issue, which follows a 14 for 3 cash call in May. To keep the ball rolling, Graystone must now back its equity with earnings growth.

Greycoat

GREYCOAT'S preference share holders had their moment of triumph over ungenerous would-be rescuer Postel on Friday. Over the weekend, a few may have wished they had lost the vote.

Valuing properties is a subjective business and it is conceivable that the Greycoat management, which wanted a speedy resolution to its problems, may have undercooked the value of the portfolio to push through the Postel deal. But the proof of any valuation is in the price a buyer will pay. The preference shareholders must find a more generous bidder if they are not prepared to fund a rescue themselves.

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Wizard of Oz

REMEMBER Russell Goward? The one-time Bondi beach lifeguard who wreaked havoc among various United Kingdom companies during the late eighties — it all ended when his Westmex investment group went bust in 1990 — has been touting for business in the Australian press. "I'm leaner and hungrier and have more ideas than ever," says Goward, 39, in an advertisement in *The Australian Financial Review*. Declared bankrupt two years ago, he says he is trying to find the best opportunity for his "skills, experience and self motivation" once he emerges from bankruptcy in three months' time. Whether any UK investors will rush to his aid is questionable. His Charterhall vehicle snapped up Corah, the textiles firm, and Tandem, the shoe chain, among others, before going to the wall in 1990. Earlier, he won his spurs as chief executive — before the age of 30 — of Sir Ron Brierley's Industrial Equity group, and is still regarded by many as a *wunderkind*. "He's very intelligent and presentable and much more likeable than Bond and the other guys," says one observer in the Square Mile. "He just took the whizz-kid thing a bit too far."

Top Marks

MARKS and Spencer shareholders can expect great things from one of the group's less obvious profit centres — the Boulevard Haussmann branch in Paris. *L'Evenement*, awarded four gastronomic stars to the 1,000 sq m outlet, coming up for its twentieth anniversary in 1995, which the magazine bills as the image par excellence of British comfort and refinement. So much so that Parisians are apparently willing to pay up to four times as much for their Marks specialities as customers in Britain. Crumpets are priced at Fr13.90 (£1.62) for six against just 40p for eight in Britain. The extra fresh Assam-Kenya blend of tea sells at Fr25 for 250g (£2.91) compared with £1.49 here. But it was the ready-cooked meals from around the world that earned Marks it's *prix d'excellent* from *L'Evenement*. These quick and exotic menus start at F79 (£9.20) for two — more than three-and-a-half times the price in Britain.

Dynamic duo

PETER Wills and Richard Lawson, two of the City's senior hands, have become the first fellows of the Securities Institute, the 8,500 member-strong body for those who work in the Square Mile. Wills, the former chairman of Sheppards Moneybroking, and Lawson, who once ran Greenwell Montagu Stockbrokers and the Securities and Futures Authority, both have another claim to fame — they are former deputy chairmen of the Stock Exchange.



Company car

ALEXANDER Trotman, the British-born chairman-elect of American car giant Ford Motors, who will be responsible for selling three million US vehicles a year, does not personally own a car and cannot remember the last time that he bought one. Trotman, 60, says the last vehicle he actually remembers buying is a motorcycle — and that was Japanese. Industry sources say that this is a classic example of American car executives being out of touch with their customers — and hence never having to haggle with dealers, insurance agents or registration officials, nor having to confront service managers and pay repair bills which often require to be taken with a sedative. The tradition in the motor city of Detroit, it appears, is for white-collar executives to enter car-borrowing programmes, which relieves them of the tiresome problems faced by those who buy their company's cars.

Write stuff

WHILE all attention in the world of publishing (and elsewhere) is centred on *those* memoirs, word reaches me of another autumn book launch Whitehall, the City, local government and Westminster. Sir John Banham, ex-head of the Confederation of British Industry, and now the chairman of several quoted companies, is bringing out a book which lays out in detail what he considers is wrong with the United Kingdom, what should be done to improve matters and who should do it. In typical Banham fashion, not a punch is pulled and his opinions could upset a few die-hard traditionalists throughout the land.

Early closing

JAPAN is finally taking steps to reduce incidences of *karoshi* — or death by overwork. From now on, anyone caught in the office after 6pm on Wednesdays will be promptly shown the door. On other days, 8pm will be the cut-off. The action was spurred by a survey which found that 80 per cent of employees could finish work and leave their offices by the official closing time of 5.30pm, thus eliminating the need for expensive overtime pay.

Being prepared

NOW this is what I call forward planning. Despite the "ring of steel" around the Square Mile, White Druce & Brown, a property firm based in London's West End, has rigged up an office on the Farringdon Road to be instantly available for employers in the event of another devastating bomb attack. Telephone and fax lines are installed and ready for use.

BUSINESS LETTERS

Curing the economic hangover

From J. Shackles

Sir, In his article of November 20, 1991, Anatole Kaletsky anticipated early UK economic recovery. Two years on, with recovery still tentative, he is right to recommend, in his article of October 7, 1993, further substantial interest rate cuts. Strong economic recovery is the only way to eradicate the deficit. (Tax increases and expenditure cuts are only token gestures). Unfortunately, however, lower interest rates will not be the catalyst for recovery. (US rates have been low for two years and economic revival remains uninspired.) Recovery from the consumption excesses of the 1980s binge, like recovery from the more common hangover, will only come with time. Raw eggs, aspirin and subdued lighting in the form of lower interest rates, lower inflation and lower costs might ease the pain, but only time (ie the gradual return of borrower/lender confidence) will cure. (My letter of November 21, 1991 refers.)

Yours faithfully,
J. SHACKLES,
2 Warren Close,
Rayleigh,
Essex.

Five-day settlement could hit shareholders

From Mr David J. Montier.

Sir, While moves towards a ten-day settlement period for Stock Exchange transactions may be workable for private investors, any further proposals to reduce that to a five-day period by 1995 should be accompanied by strong pressure on banks to speed up their cheque clearance procedures. If this does not happen, small shareholders will not be able to send cheques to their brokers with any assurance that they will receive cleared funds within five days to allow settlement to be made. Leaving relatively small sums of money on deposit with the broker or holding shares through a nominee name are not satisfactory answers to the problem.

Yours faithfully,
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2.15 Knots Landing (s) (8756492)
3.05 Pot Black. Steve Davis v David Roe and Terry Griffiths v Stephen Hendry (s) (1268527)
3.45 Henry's Cat (r) (1906695) **3.50 Juniper Jungle** (r) (s) (1906695) **4.00 Bodger and Badger** (s) (3591898) **4.10 The Greedysaurus Gang** (8750985) **4.15 Star Pets** (s) (3892275) **4.55 Newsround** (5102701) **5.05 Blue Peter.** A report from Argentina (Ceefax) (s)
5.35 Neighbours. (Ceefax) (s) (581508) **Northern Ireland:** Inside Ulster
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Peter Sissons and Moira Stuart (Ceefax) Weather (508)
6.30 Regional News Magazines (34275) **Northern Ireland:** Neighbours
7.00 Telly Addicts. Noel Edmonds pits the Lee family from Newark against the Browns of Bedford (s) (2362)
7.30 Watchdog. Consumer show with Anne Robinson (Ceefax) (512)
8.00 The Good Life. Endearing if ancient comedy with Felicity Kendal and Richard Briers living off the land (r). (Ceefax) (8782). **Wales:** Every Second Counts



Winstone, Harrison scrape a living (8.30pm)

8.30 Get Back. Second series of the recession comedy with Ray Winstone and Carol Harrison. (Ceefax) (s) (7817)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather (2343)
9.30 Panorama: Pensioned Off. Stephen Bradshaw questions whether the pension system should be reassessed so that the poor get more (184904)
10.10 A Sense of Guilt. Trevor Eve, Lisa Harrow and Rudi Davies star in Andrea Newman's compulsive drama of betrayal (r). (Ceefax) (s) (324695) **Northern Ireland:** The Back Page 10.35 A Sense of Guilt 11.25 Film 93 with Barry Norman 11.55-12.25am Careering Ahead
11.00 Film 93 with Barry Norman. Featuring reviews of *Rising Sun* with Sean Connery and Wesley Snipes, *True Romance* with Christian Slater and Patricia Arquette and *Dave* with Kevin Kline (s) (4188)
11.30 Careering Ahead. *Watchdog's* Simon Walton spends a day at a Bournemouth school for bouncers; a special report examines Britain's Skill Olympics performance in the areas of electronics and engineering and Gay Gower turns metal sculptress (r) (83121) **12.00-12.05 Weather**
3.00-3.30 BBC Select: RCN Nursing Update. Unit 2 — Palliative Care (45299)

BBC2

8.00 Breakfast News (9716850)
8.15 Reviving Antiques (r) (4548140) **8.20 Rock Athlete** (r) (3284508) **8.50 A Week to Remember:** Pathe News from 1953 (4417091) **9.00 A Day in the Life of** a radiographer (r) (8402343)
9.05 Daytime on Two: The Global Environment (6189324) **9.25** Mad about Music (6109188) **9.45** Numbertime (4092324) **10.00** Go 4,5: Water (5535324) **10.20** Music Time (s) (5544072) **10.45** Thinkabout Science (9718411) **11.00** Zig Zag (2693091) **11.20** Shakespeare: The Animated Tales (s) (1721188) **11.50** Le Café des Rêves (8254411) **12.10** The Geography Programme (s) (7633256) **12.30** History File (3931898) **12.50** Teaching Today (4417237) **1.20** Gordon T Gopher (61083099) **1.30** Christopher Crocodile (78222492) **1.35** Dilly the Dinosaur (78254091) **1.40** Landmarks (66196904)
2.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (41722594) **2.05 Numbertime** (88062527) **2.15 Al Capone and Eliot Ness** (9537169)
3.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (9844966) **3.05 Songs of Praise** (r) (Ceefax) (s) (6945782)
3.40 A Week to Remember (b/w) (r) (1929546)
3.50 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (1918430)
4.00 Film: The Fabulous Dorseys (1947, b/w). Musical biopic starring Tommy and Jimmy Dorsey as their swinging selves. Directed by Alfred E Green (74601)
5.30 Provence First of two features by travel writer Elisabeth de Stroumillo (237)
6.00 The Addams Family (b/w). Morticia plans a surprise (r) (Ceefax) (915817)
6.25-7.40 Def II: Scene — Bank Holiday A bikers' movie written in 1972 by Colin Welland. (990508)
6.55 Les Lives. New series starring Les, the put-upon assistant from *Vic Reeves Big Night Out* (977148)
7.00 D Energy Normski in a new series (462782)
7.40 Will to Win: Champions. (s) See Choice (667904)
8.30 Film: The Room Upstairs (1987) Nicely acted romantic comedy drama with Stockard Channing falling for her lodger (Sam Waterston). Directed by Stuart Margolin (Ceefax) (66362)
10.00 Newman and Baddiel in Pieces: Cult comedy (s). (Ceefax) (29362)
10.30 Newsnight. (Ceefax) (214904)
11.15 Poets' News: New series in which poets interpret the news (s) (288879)
11.20 The Late Show (s) (366091)
12.00 Weatherview (4436473)



Lionel Hampton recorded at Brecon (12.05am)

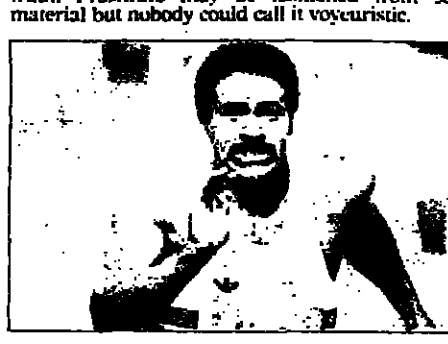
12.05 Midnight Jazz. (s) See Choice (3050893) **Wales:** Who is. Sonny Rollins 12.35 Close
12.45-1.20 The Jazz Collection — Who is: Sonny Rollins. A 1968 profile (r) (3894724)
2.00-3.40 Night School: Geography Casebook (925657)

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CHOICE

Prostitute
Channel 4, 9.00pm

The final film in this intelligent and revealing series from France features two women with contrasting stories. Monique, a mother of seven, has come through a shameful trade (her description) and survived. She is approaching 50 and was on the streets for 13 years. But she gave it up, took a vow of chastity and now lives in a Catholic community. Agnes is 35 and treats prostitution like an office job. She admits she is trapped by the money. She was abused as a child and became a prostitute as a way of having her revenge on men. As throughout the series the interviewing is acute but non-judgmental and the answers have the ring of truth. *Prostitute* may be fashioned from sordid material but nobody could call it voyeuristic.



Daley Thompson shows who is best (BBC2, 7.40pm)

Will to Win: Champions
BBC2, 7.40pm

The series on black athletes features six of the best and tries to say what makes them special, which in most cases seems to come down to a mixture of talent and application. If there is a criticism of these programmes it is an over-concentration of American sports that have at best a small following over here. All the same, the basketball player Magic Johnson and footballer Jim Brown are formidable names and it is good to be reminded of the achievement of Debi Thomas in becoming the world's first black ice-skating champion. There is also a salute to the recently-retired Viv Richards and to Daley Thompson, who says that he always knew he would be best at something, whether it was typing or ten pin bowling.

Cracker: To Say I Love You
ITV, 9.00pm

A new story begins tonight, stretching over three weeks and involving Robbie Coltrane's criminal psychologist with a couple of young tearaways who see themselves as a Mancunian Bonnie and Clyde. Once again Jimmy McGovern's script is terse and incisive and the production has the confidence of knowing exactly what it is trying to do. Whether the result is more to be admired than liked will be a matter of taste. The realism is authentic but it tends to dwell on the rougher underside of life in which criminals are vicious, the police bullies and nice guys seem to finish last. Although Coltrane's character is a shade unlikely, he continues to give it presence and Beryl Reid offers welcome lighter relief by turning up as his mum.

Midnight Jazz
BBC2, 12.05am

The BBC2 week of programmes on jazz continues with a series of five concerts, recorded in August at Brecon Jazz '93. A decade ago the idea that a quiet Welsh town should stage an international jazz festival seemed unthinkable but the event is now firmly established in the calendar. Some say that Brecon is now the leading festival of its kind. Its range and quality can be judged by tonight's programme, which includes performances by the guitarist Marty Grosz, the Hank Jones Trio and Lionel Hampton and the Golden Men of Jazz, featuring Al Grey, Harry "Sweets" Edison and Clark Terry. Other musicians appearing during the series include the Australian James Morrison, Andy Sheppard and Wynton Marsalis. **Peter Waymark**

ITV LONDON

6.00 GMTV Early morning news and entertainment (6996546)
9.25 Supermarket Sweep. Game show (s) (5530695)
9.55 London Today (7273695)
10.00 The Time... The Place John Stapleton hosts topical debates (s) (1258904)
10.35 This Morning with Richard Madeley and Judy Finnigan (87196985) **12.20 London Today** (2374695)
12.30 ITN Lunchtime News with Nicholas Owen and Julia Somerville (Teletext) Weather (4428343)
12.55 Coronation Street (r) (Teletext) (4436362)
1.25 Home and Away (Teletext) (32688695)
1.55 A Country Practice Medical drama series set in the Australian outback (s) (26179237)
2.20 ITN News headlines (37227184)
2.25 London Today (38677625)
2.30 Capital Woman, with Anneka Rice and Stephen Gardner (275)
3.00 The Young Doctors (2121)
3.30 Tots TV (s) (4428317)
3.40 Wizadora (1916072)
3.50 Wowser (r) (1912256)
4.00 Sooty and Co with Matthew Corbett (s) (2656701)
4.25 Tiny Toon Adventures (3374879)
4.50 How 2 (2465695)
5.10 Home and Away (r) (Teletext) (1575817)
5.40 ITN Early Evening News with Carol Barnes (Teletext) Weather (115614)
6.00 London Tonight. Local news, traffic and weather (Teletext) (41072)
7.00 The Krypton Factor Superior game show presented by Gordon Burns. With Roy Barraclough and Annabel Giles (Teletext)(7430)
7.30 Coronation Street. (Teletext) (140)
8.00 Strike It Lucky. Hi-tech quiz game with Michael Barrymore (Teletext) (s) (3350)
8.30 World in Action: Shoot Out at Sunset Producer Don Jordan's documentary about political corruption in a volatile India. During the making of the film, the crew came under gunfire and the programme includes dramatic scenes in which a former prime minister is confronted with evidence of assault and murder (s) (2985)

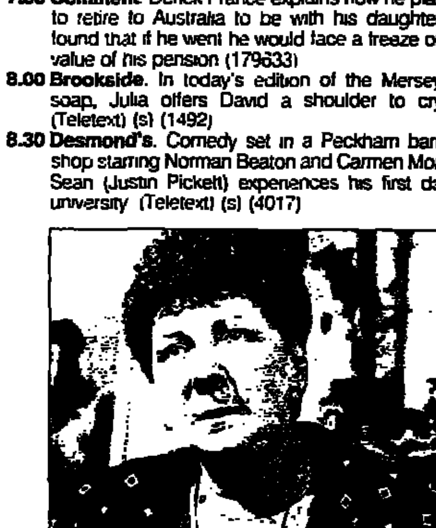


Reid, Coltrane play mother and son (9.00pm)

9.00 Cracker. (Teletext) See Choice (2695)
10.00 News at Ten with Trevor McDonald. (Teletext) Weather (23188)
10.30 London Tonight (305512)
10.40 Film: Hollow Point (1987). Average thriller about a woman who testifies against a murderer and then finds herself terrorised when he is released. With Linda Purl and Yaphet Kotto. Directed by Bruce Seth Green (88076966)
12.30 The Beat. Gary Crowley introduces Swervedriver from London's Astoria Theatre (s) (48947)
1.30 60 Minutes. American news and features (8533183)
2.20 Nite Bites. Su Porter tastes a Welsh stew (s) (3703928)
2.30 Sport AM Sport including NHL ice hockey (46096)
3.30 Videofashion. Designs for autumn (58812)
4.00 Hollywood Report. Entertainment show (r) (79305)
4.30 Cinema, Cinema, Cinema. Movie news from the US (r) (31096)
5.00 Riviera. French drama serial (53116)
5.30 News (24657). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.30 Heathcliff. Feline adventures (96695)
7.00 The Big Breakfast. Introduced by Chris Evans and Gaby Roslin (21879)
9.00 You Bet Your Life. Game show with Bill Cosby (r) (s) (36427)
9.30 Schools: Geography — Start Here! (4672275) **9.45** Talk, Write and Read (4662898) **10.02** Science — Start Here! (5520492) **10.18** World Studies (5549527) **10.40** The English Programme (7491879) **11.07** Time for Maths (4303850) **11.18** Your World (4827430) **11.30** Rat-A-Tat-Tat (8270459) **11.45** Junior Technology (8268614)
12.00 Right to Reply, with Sheena McDonald (r). (Teletext) (s) (13701)
12.30 Sesame Street. Carly Simon is the guest on the enjoyable early-learning show (43121)
1.30 Bobobobs: Animation (r) (30966)
2.00 Film: Tin Pan Alley (1940 b/w). Lively musical with Alice Faye and Betty Grable as singing sisters who team up with struggling composers Jack Oakie and John Payne in New York's Tin Pan Alley district. Directed by Walter Lang (733508)
3.45 Pete Smith Specialties: I Love Children, But (b/w) Short comedy film from 1952 directed by David Barclay (1913985)
3.55 Garden Club. How to protect tender plants during winter (Teletext) (4049256)
4.30 Fifteen to One, with William G. Stewart. (Teletext) (s) (463)
5.00 The Late Late Show Chat show with Gay Byrne (s) (4343)
6.00 Batman The battling duo take on Zelda the Great (Anne Baxter) (546)
6.30 The Wonder Years. Kevin is distracted by a new girlfriend (r). (Teletext) (898)
7.00 Channel 4 News with Jon Snow (Teletext) Weather (115166)
7.50 Comment Derick Prance explains how he planned to retire to Australia to be with his daughter but found that if he went he would face a freeze on the value of his pension (179633)
8.00 Brookside. In today's edition of the Merseyside soap, Julia offers David a shoulder to cry on (Teletext) (s) (1492)
8.30 Desmond's. Comedy set in a Peckham barber's shop starring Norman Beaton and Carmen Monroe. Sean (Justin Pickett) experiences his first day at university (Teletext) (s) (4017)



Monique has taken a vow of chastity (9.00pm)

9.00 Prostitute. In French with English subtitles. See Choice (6427)
10.00 I'll Fly Away. Drama series starring Sam Waterston. Forrest accepts an invitation to meet the black people demanding equal rights. Meanwhile Francie (Ashlee Levitch) learns a lesson in compassion. (Teletext) (s) (3324)
11.00 American Football: the Big Match. Gary Imlach introduces action from one of the day's crucial matches plus NHL highlights. Features Miami Dolphins v Cleveland Browns and Indianapolis Colts v Dallas Cowboys (212256)
12.20 Midnight Underground. A look at the way commercial directors have used surreal imagery. Tonight's programme includes Luis Buñuel's collaboration with Salvador Dali in the 1920s and the work of Eastern European surrealists today (8484909). Ends at **1.25**

RADIO 1

FM Stereo and **MW. 4.00am** Bruno Brookes (**FM** only) **6.00** Mark Goodier **9.00** Simon Bates **12.30pm** Newsbeat **12.45** Lynn Parsons **3.00** Steve Wright in the Afternoon **6.00** News '93 **6.30** Evening Session **8.30** Glitter and Twisted. Noddy Holder, of Slade, on the revival of 1970s culture **9.00** Out on Blue Six **10.00** Nicky Campbell **12.00-4.00am** Bob Harris (**FM** only)

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. **5.00am** Martin Kelner **6.15** Pause for Thought **7.05** Sarah Kennedy **9.15** Pause for Thought **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Jimmy Young **2.00pm** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Paul Cola **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Hubert Gregg **7.30** Alan Dell, with Dance Band Days, and at **8.00** Big Band Era **8.30** Big Band Special **9.00** Humphrey Lyttelton with The Best of Jazz **10.00** Traditionally British (2/6) **10.30** The Jamesons **12.05am** Digby Fairweather with Jazz Notes **1.00** Steve Madden **3.00-5.00** Alex Lester

RADIO 5

6.00am World Service **6.30** Danny Baker **9.00** *Schools*. English 9-11. **9.20** Infant History; **9.30** The Song Tree. Music Course 1; **9.45** Let's Move!; **10.05** History 9-11 **10.25** Johnnie Walker **12.30pm** Baby Talk **1.00** News Update **1.10** BFBS Worldwide **2.30** Sportsbeat **4.30** Five Aside **6.30** The Green Hornet **7.15** Three Apples Fell from Heaven: The Performing Stick. Folk tales from Armenia (r) **7.30** Champion Sport **9.30** X Minus One **10.10** Fabulous! **12.00-12.10am** News, Sport

WORLD SERVICE

All times in **BST. 5.30am** BBC English **5.45** News and Press Review in German **6.00** Morgenmagazin, Tips für Touristen **6.30** Europe Today **7.00** News **7.10** British News **7.15** The Learning World **7.30** Europe Today **8.00** Newsdesk **8.30** From Hoplite to Harrier: A Radio History of Warfare **9.00** News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** Health Matters **9.30** Anything Goes **10.00** News **10.05** Business Report **10.15** Western Philosophers in a Nutshell **10.30** Andy Kershaw's World of Music **10.45** Sport **11.00** News **11.01** Pilgrimages of Hope **11.30** The Vintage Chart Show **Noon** Newsdesk **12.30pm** BBC English **12.45** Mittagsmagazin **1.00** News **1.10** Words of Faith **1.15** Let's Do the Show Right Here **1.45** Sport **2.00** News **3.05** Outlook **3.30** Off the Shelf: *A Girl in Winter* **3.45** The Tip of the Tongue **4.00** News **4.15** In Their Element Earth **5.00** News **5.10** British News **5.15** BBC English **5.30** Heute Aktuell **6.00** News **6.05** Business Report **6.15** BBC English **7.00** Newsdesk **7.30** Heute Aktuell **8.00** News in German **9.00** News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** The World Today **9.30** Europe Today **10.00** News **11.10** British News **11.15** Meridian **11.45** Sport **Midnight** News **12.05am** Business Report **12.15** On Screen **12.30** Multitrack 1 **1.00** Newsdesk **1.30** The Litmus Test **2.00** News **2.05** Outlook **2.30** Folk Routes **2.45** Health Matters **3.00** Newsdesk **3.30** Let's Do the Show Right Here **4.00** News **4.10** British News **4.15** Sport **4.30** John Peel **5.00** News **5.15** Health Matters

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Nick Bailey **9.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Lunchtime Concerto: Schumann (Piano Concerto in A minor: Lars Vogt) **3.00** Jamie Crick **6.00** Classic Reports **7.00** Close Encounters of a Musical Kind **8.00** Evening Concert: Montreal SO under Charles Dutoit performs Rimsky-Korsakov (Capriccio Espagnol), Rachmaninov (Piano Concerto No 2 in C minor: Jorge Bolet); Saint-Saëns (Symphony No 3 in C minor, organ) **10.00** Michael Mappin **1.00-6.00am** André Leon

VIRGIN 1215

6.00am Russ and Jono **10.00** Richard Skinner **1.00pm** Kevin Greening **4.00** Tommy Vance **7.00** Mitch Johnson

ANGLIA

As London except: 2.30-3.00 The Good Yarn Show (275) **5.10-5.40** Swot Or Wot? (1575817) **6.00** Home And Away (902343) **6.25-7.00** Anglia News (969850) **10.30** Anglia News And Weather (305512) **10.40** Marquee (547633) **11.10** Crime Story (458411) **12.05am** Love And War (9321247) **12.35** Tropical Heat (1067706) **1.30** Sport AM (66386) **2.30** Donahue (2394831) **3.20** The Beat (3721980) **4.20** Out Of Limits (10289015) **4.30** Rivera (55388812) **4.55-5.30** Jobfinder (2490676)

CENTRAL

As London except: 1.55-2.20 Shortland Street (66179237) **2.30** Highdays and Otherdays (275) **3.00-3.30** A Country Practice (2121) **5.10-5.40** Animal Country (1575817) **6.00** Home And Away (902343) **6.25-7.00** Central News (969850) **10.30** Central News (305512) **10.40** It's A Living (547633) **11.10** World Championship Boxing (187411) **12.10am** Nigel Mansell's Indycar 93 (9276748) **12.40** Sat The World (4004812) **1.10** Film. River Of No Return (688928) **2.55** Sport AM (2379522) **3.50** Night Shift (53612265) **4.05** Job Finder (2446454) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye (3696893)

GRANADA

As London except: 2.30 Gardeners' Diary (275) **3.00-3.30** Sons and Daughters (2121) **5.10-5.40** Movies, Games And Videos (1575817) **6.00** Home and Away (904) **6.30-7.00** Granada Tonight (256) **10.30** Granada News (317695) **10.35** Granada Business Week (316966) **10.40** Being There (547633) **11.10** World Championship Boxing (187411) **12.10am** The Twilight Zone (4683693) **12.35** Tropical Heat (1067706) **1.30** Sport AM (66386) **2.30** Donahue (2394831) **3.20** The Beat (3721980) **4.20** Out Of Limits (10289015) **4.30** Rivera (55388812) **4.55-5.30** Jobfinder (2490676)

HTV WEST

As London except: 2.30-3.00 Yan Can Cook (275) **6.00-7.00** HTV News (41072) **10.30** HTV News & Weather (305512) **10.40** Married...With Children (547633) **11.10** Foley Square (408411) **11.40** War Of The Worlds (702879) **12.35am** Tropical Heat (1067706) **1.30** Sport AM (66386) **2.30** Donahue (363893) **4.20** Out Of Limits (10289015) **4.30** Rivera (55388812) **4.55-5.30** Jobfinder (2490676)

HTV WALES

As HTV WEST except: 6.00 Wales At Six (904) **6.30-7.00** Primetime (256) **10.30** HTV Wales News & Weather (305512) **10.40** Dennis O'Neill (207614) **11.25** World Cup Hall Of Fame (394879) **11.40-12.35pm** The War Of The Worlds (702879) **3.20am-4.20** The Beat (3721980)

MERIDIAN

As London except: 2.30 Houseparty (275) **3.00-3.30** Shortland Street (2121) **6.00** Meridian Tonight (904) **6.30-7.00** Spirit Of The South Nature Lands (256) **10.30** Meridian News & Weather (305512) **10.40** The Hidden Room (547633) **11.10** Confidential (408411) **11.40-12.30pm** Beverly Hills 90210 (346362) **2.30am-3.30** Sport AM

TYNE TEES

As London except: 2.35-3.00 An Invitation To Remember (9325879) **5.55** Tyne Tees News (829633) **6.30-7.00** The Dales Diary (256) **10.30** Tyne Tees News (305512) **10.40** In A City Art (547633) **11.10** Prisoner Cell Block H (458411) **12.05am** Nigel Mansell's Indycar 93 (9321247) **12.35** Film. Hold-Up (35044725) **2.40** Entertainment U K (5399909) **3.40** ITV Chart Show (7727560) **4.35-5.30** Jobfinder (2794270)

WESTCOUNTRY

As London except: 1.55-2.20 The Young Doctors (66179237) **2.30** Gardening Time (275) **3.00-3.30** A Country Practice (2121) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (41072) **10.30** Westcountry Latest (305512) **10.40** Westcountry Focus (547633) **11.10** The Trials Of Rosie O'Neill (458411) **12.05am** Coach (4171544) **12.30** My Story (8020183) **12.35** Tropical Heat (1067706) **1.30** Sport AM (66386) **2.30** Donahue (2394831) **3.20** The Beat (3721980) **4.20** Out Of Limits (10289015) **4.30** Rivera (55388812) **4.55-5.30** Jobfinder (2490676)

YORKSHIRE

As London except: 2.35-3.00 An Invitation to Remember (9325879) **5.55** Calendar News (829633) **6.30-7.00** The Dales Diary (256) **10.30** Calendar News (305512) **10.40** Local Hero (547633) **11.10** Prisoner: Cell Block H (458411) **12.05am** Nigel Mansell's Indycar 93 (9321247) **12.35** Film: Hold-Up (35044725) **2.40** Entertainment U.K. (5399909) **3.40** ITV Chart Show (7727560)

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Starts: 7.00am The Big Breakfast (21879) **9.00** You Bet Your Life (36427) **9.30** Schools (696966) **12.00pm** Right To Reply (137011) **12.00** Right To Reply (13701) **12.30** Slot Meithrin (31695) **1.00** Roseanne (24966) **1.30** Hangin' With Mr Cooper (30966) **2.00** Film. Bell Bottom George (733508) **3.45** Wowser (4405966) **4.00** Slot 23 (169) **4.00** Slot 23 (6169) **5.00** Batman (2508) **5.30** Countdown (633) **6.00** Newyddion (529350) **6.20** Cwlwm Serch (254343) **6.25** Heno (967482) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (5072) **7.30** Y Byd Ar Bedwar (782) **8.00** Penblwydd Hapus (1492) **8.30** Newyddion (4017) **9.00** Sgorio (6427) **10.00** Brookside (14430) **10.30** Cheers (90850) **11.00** American Football (699817) **12.15am** I'll Fly Away (572725)

RADIO 3

6.55am Weather
7.00 On Air, with Andrew McGregor. Haydn (Organ Concerto in F, H XVIII 7); Saint-Saëns (Havanaise, Op 83); Mozart (Piano Concerto No 6 in B flat, K238); Rossini (Overture, Semiramide); Tchaikovsky (Adagio Molto in E flat); Beethoven (Fantasia in C, Op 80)
9.00 Composer of the Week. Dmitri Shostakovich The War Years. David Fanning presents String Quartet No 1 in C; Dance No 1, Jazz Suite No 2; Symphony No 6 in B minor, Fleishman/ Shostakovich (Rothschild's Violin excerpts)
10.00 Musical Encounters. Satie (Parade); Ravel (Menuet sur le Nom de Haydn); **10.18** Artist of the Week: Lindsay Quartet performs Haydn (String Quartet in E flat, Op 64 No 6). Mozart (Mass in C minor excerpts); Bach (Concerto in D minor, BWV 1052); Stravinsky (The Soldier's Tale, Part 2); Poulenc (Hommage a Edith Piaf)
12.00 Verdi Voices: Roderick Swanston compares some of the great Verdi singers (r)
1.00pm News
1.05 BBC Lunchtime Concert, live from St John's, Smith Square, London. A recital by Wolfgang Holzmair, baritone, and Melvyn Tan, piano
2.00 The BBC Orchestras: BBC National Orchestra of Wales under Tadaaki Otaka, with Raphael Oleg, violin, performs Brahms (Violin Concerto in D), Britten (Courtly Dances from Gloriana, Op 53a); Beethoven (Symphony No 5 in C minor)
3.30 Purcell – Sonatas in Four Parts: Sonatas: No 6 in G minor; No 9 in F, Golden Sonata (Catherine Mackintosh and Monica Huggett, violins, Christophe Coin, cello, and Christopher Hogwood, organ)
3.45 César Franck: Prelude, Fugue et Variation: Andantino: Grand Pièce Symphonique (r)
4.30 Keyboard à la King: Max Harrison explores Nat King Cole's piano style and his long relationship with the Texan guitarist Oscar Moore
5.00 In Tune, with Andrew Green. Malcolm Arnold (Four Cornish Dances, Op 91); Beethoven (Egmont Overture). Rachmaninov (Variations on a Theme of Corelli, Op 42)
7.30 Chamber Orchestra of Europe, live from the Barbican Hall. Libor Pesek conducts Kodály (Dances of Galanta); Strauss (Oboe Concerto: Douglas Boyd). **8.15** Wir Lachen Doch! What makes Germans laugh? Andrew Sachs talks to Henning Venske. **8.35** Dvořák (Symphony No 7 in D minor)
9.30 The Big Thicket: Grandfather's Finger. Edward Swift tells the first of five stories of his childhood (r)
9.40 Ives and Copland: Jacqueline Ross, violin, and Martin Roscoe, piano, play Ives (Violin Sonata No 2); Copland (Violin Sonata)
10.20 The Flood: A musical play by Igor Stravinsky. With the Netherlands Radio Chorus and Philharmonic Orchestra under Hans Vonk
10.45 Mixing It, with Robert Sandall and Mark Russell
11.30 Music Restor'd from the York Early Music Festival. Sonatas by Handel, Corelli, Geminiani and Arne, and traditional music by Turlough Carolan
12.30-12.35am News
1.00-2.25 Night School (except in Scotland, as Radio 5 at 9am)
2.30-3.10 Night School Extra

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing, incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today, incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **6.45** Business News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.25, 8.25** Sports News **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.35** The Week on 4 **8.43** Adrian Mole: The Wilderness Years, by Sue Townsend (4/8) **8.58** Weather
9.00 News 9.05 Start the Week: Melvyn Bragg's guests are Rory Bremner, Helen Suzman and Gore Vidal
10.00-10.30 Inspiration (FM only): Chris Stuart asks questions on designs and inventions
10.00 News; Daily Service (LW only) from St German's Church, Cardiff
10.15 The Bible (LW only): Proverbs. Hannah Gordon and David Suchet read the final selection
10.30 Woman's Hour celebrates the thirtieth anniversary of the National Children's Bureau; and reports on feminist environmental movements incl **11.00 News**
11.30 Money Box Live: 071 580 4444. Lines open from 10am
12.00 News; You and Yours
12.25pm Round Britain Quiz: London v Wales **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One, with James Naughtie
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping
2.00 News; Touching the Rock: A dramatised account of the experience of blindness by John M. Hull, professor of religion at Birmingham University (r)
3.15 Whackademics: Author David Stafford explores research into alcohol and gets drunk under laboratory conditions
3.30 Eureka: Barbara Myers talks to Professor Sir Richard Doll, best known for showing the connection between lung cancer and smoking
4.00 News
4.05 Kaleidoscope reviews the Royal Opera House's new production of Wagner's *Mastersingers*: and Ken Campbell's play, *Jamais Vu*
4.45 Short Story: Fluff, by Mary Flanagan. Read by Maggie Steed
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 The News Quiz (r)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 The Food Programme: The effects on children of a diet high in junk food (r)
7.45 The Monday Play: Independent Voice. See Choice
9.00 Silkies: Adrian Mourby reports on life among the silkies (single income and lots of kids) (r)
9.15 Kaleidoscope (r)
9.45 The Financial World Tonight, with Roger White **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight, with Robin Lustig
10.45 Book at Bedtime. Shakespeare The Truth. Desmond Oliver Dingle, the alter-ego of the actor Patrick Barlow, presents his controversial exposé on the Bard's identity (1/5)
11.00 You Heard It Here First. An Actor's Life for Me, by Paul Mayhew-Archer. Starring John Gordon-Sinclair and Caroline Quentin (r)
11.30 The Shuttleworths: See Choice
11.45 Today in Parliament
12.00-12.43am News, incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** As World Service (**LW** only)

CHOICE

The Monday Play: Independent Voice. *Radio 4, 7.45pm.*
Gary Mitchell's drama is set in Belfast and is so up-to-date that it contains a passing reference to Bosnia. It is about the corruption of idealism. Two men (played by Tim Loane and Simon Magill) run a community newspaper that starts off by exposing the links between the drugs trade and the Ulster Defence Association and ends up as a mouthpiece for that same organisation. *Independent Voice* is a play that has the courage to point a finger at political agitators and, what is more, to name them. It is like a petrol bomb that is just waiting for a match to be struck.

The Shuttleworths: Cotton Buddies. *Radio 4, 11.30pm.*
A quarter of an hour on four consecutive nights is just about right for Graham Fellows's mini *tour de force* as a would-be singer-songwriter. He plays all the roles - even to the extent of talking to himself - and makes up the dialogue as he goes along. Initially, I was afraid that it was all going to prove a big mistake but I am happy to report that by the end of episode one, Fellows's diffident Yorkshire comicality had quite won me over. **Peter Davalle**

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SATELLITE

SKY ONE

6.00am The DJ Kat Show (49447029) **8.40** Lamb Chops Play-a-Long (9262614) **9.00** Cartoons (40879) **9.30** The Pyramid Game (60121) **10.00** Card Sharks (2446575) **10.25** Concentration (8813614) **10.50** Dynamo Duck (3266324) **11.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (53492) **12.00** The Urban Peasant (53343) **12.30pm** E Street (71237) **1.00** Barnaby Jones (69432) **2.00** The Bastard (8134275) **2.55** Another World (8804072) **3.45** The DJ Kat Show (5760459) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (6343) **6.00** Games World (4237) **6.30** E Street (8817) **7.00** Rescue (7072) **7.30** Full House (7701) **8.00** Queen: Second of a three-part mini series by Alex Haley (13237) **10.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (as 5pm) (25072) **11.00** The Streets of San Francisco (74985) **12.00** The Outer Limits (31522) **1.00am** Night Court (15657) **1.30-2.00** It's Garry Shandling's Show (45386)

SKY NEWS

News on the hour
6.00am Sunrise (8751362) **9.30** Roving Report (62343) **10.30** The Book Show (11121) **11.30** Japan Business Today (64091) **12.30pm** World News and Business Report (22237) **1.30** CBS Morning News (23966) **2.30** The Book Show (73186) **3.30** Travel Destinations (59879) **4.30** World News and Business Report (4614) **5.00** Live at Five (877879) **7.30** Special Report (95148) **9.30** Talkback (82343) **11.30** CBS Evening News (48343) **12.30am** ABC World News Tonight (55251) **1.30** Special Report (77706) **2.30** Travel Destinations (78034) **3.30** Talkback (40251) **4.30** Special Report (19980) **5.30-6.00** CBS News (71589)

SKY MOVIES

6.00am Showcase (5533459)
10.00 Mannequin on the Move (1991) William Ragsdale falls in love with a department store dummy (75053)
12.00 Crossplot (1969). An advertising executive becomes involved in a spy ring. Starring Roger Moore (41169)
2.00pm The Shakiest Gun in the West (1968) A dentist, Don Knotts, is mistaken for the enemy by a gang of outlaws (16324)
4.00 Klondike Fever (1980) Jeff East stars as the writer Jack London, traveling from San Francisco to the Klondike during the Gold Rush (1275)
6.00 Mannequin on the Move (as 10am) (86302362) **7.40 UK Top Ten** (810343)
8.00 By the Sword (1991) F. Murray Abraham clashes with the son of a man he once killed in a fencing duel (31633)
10.00 Victim of Beauty (1991) A kidnapper targets a beauty queen. With Jen Lynn Ryan and William Devane (18431546)
12.05am Hotel Room (1992) David Lynch directs three offbeat stories, set in the same room over a period of 60 years (670473)
2.00 Leo the Last (1969). A reclusive prince, Marcello Mastroianni, ventures out into a London ghetto (945386)
3.45 Opportunity Knocks (1990): A pair of con artists pose as housesitters. With Dana Carvey (360102) Ends at **5.15**

SKY MOVIES GOLD

6.00pm Picnic (1955): William Holden steals Kim Novak from Cliff Robertson (87850)
8.00 The Big Red One (1980): The exploits of five soldiers in North Africa and Europe towards the end of the second world war. With Lee Marvin and Mark Hamill (99695)
10.00 Meatballs (1979): Bill Murray plays a harassed summer camp leader (713121). Ends at **11.35**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.00am Flight to Tangier (1953): An FBI agent searches for $3 million in a crashed plane. With Joan Fontaine (26558)
8.00 If the Shoe Fits (1990). A shoe designer, Jennifer Grey, falls in love with a handsome prince, Rob Lowe (59188)
10.00 Twentieth Century (1934, b/w): A producer trains an actress, only to be upstaged by her. With John Barrymore and Carole Lombard (73695)
12.00 Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead (1991): Tom Stoppard's comic slant on *Hamlet*. With Gary Oldman (32411)
2.00pm The National Health (1973): Satire about the decay of British society. With Lynn Redgrave and Eleanor Bron (14966)
4.00 If the Shoe Fits (as 8am) (48855121)
5.50 Fire in the Dark (1991). Olympia Dukakis plays an aging woman who is forced to rely on friends and family to look after her. With Lindsay Wagner (39126169)
7.30 Xposure. Film news (1351)
8.00 Silhouette (1991): Faye Dunaway [illegible]
9.35 Villains in the Movies Actors talk about their roles (123140)
10.00 Blood Ties (1991). A teenage vampire is forced to confront his origins when his parents are murdered. With Harley Venton (560091)
11.35 Demonic Toys (1991): Five adults are locked in a warehouse and stalked by murderous toys (852350)
1.00am Psycho IV: The Beginning (1990): The formative years of Norman Bates. With Henry Thomas and Olivia Hussey (239676)
2.40 The Hand (1981): Michael Caine plays a cartoonist whose hand is severed in a car accident (727102)
4.25 Fire in the Dark (as 5.50pm) (245744). Ends at **6.00**

SKY SPORTS

7.00am Prime Bodies (23445) **7.30** Horse of the Year Show (97492) **9.00** Prime Bodies (30091) **9.30** The Big League (10121) **11.30** Fishing the West (43904) **12.00** Soccer Testimonial Match. Liverpool v Great Britain (81701) **2.00pm** Golf: Royal Green Cup (79966) **3.00** Dubai Classic Snooker (75411) **5.00** Windsurfing: British PBA World Cup (6508) **5.30** Trucks 'n' Tractor Power (6053) **6.00** Soccer News (420035) **6.15** World Wrestling Federation Challenge (148430) **7.00** Dubai Classic Snooker (862169) **10.00** Soccer News (906695) **10.15** Ringside Superbouts: John Conteh (717985) **11.15-2.15am** Dubai Classic Snooker (58256053)

EUROSPORT

8.30am Step Aerobics (18879) **9.00** Golf Piaget Open (73782) **11.00** Cycling. Tour of Lombardy (22546) **12.00** Triathlon World Cup (42324) **1.00pm** Motorsport Report (51072) **2.00** The Pharaoh Rally (3904) **2.30** Tennis: WTA Ladies' European Championship (784695) **5.00** Eurofun Magazine (4904) **5.30** ATP Tennis (98411) **7.30** Eurosport News (8898) **8.00** Sportive Dancing (75701) **9.30** The Pharaoh Rally (43053) **10.00** Boxing (52140) **11.00** Eurogoals (23481) **12.00** Eurogolf Magazine (17396) **1.00-1.30am** Eurosport News (59015)

UK GOLD

7.00am GP (3434508) **7.30** Neighbours (3446343) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (6512633) **8.30** EastEnders (8611904) **9.00** The Bill (8602256) **9.30** Nanny (5506140) **10.30** Rockcliffe's Babies (7485053) **11.30** Rhoda (3765324) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (8682492) **12.30pm** Neighbours (5522546) **1.00** EastEnders (3433879) **1.30** The Bill (5521817) **2.00** Never Mind the Quality (8764879) **2.30** Shelley (6371362) **3.00** Dallas (3789140) **4.00** Dynasty (3708275) **5.00** Blankety Blank (8788459) **5.30** Give Us a Clue (6342850) **6.00** Neighbours (6372091) **6.30** EastEnders (6363343) **7.00** Nanny (7338546) **8.00** Never Mind the Quality (8777343) **8.30** Shelley (8756850) **9.00** Rockcliffe's Babies (7325430) **10.00** The Bill (8683121) **10.30** Naked Video (8609169) **11.00** Top of the Pops: 1976 (8398121) **11.35** Dr Who (8438898) **12.00** Film: The Americano (1955) Western with Glenn Ford and Cesar Romero (3954744) **1.35am** Video Bites (18064557) **2.00-7.00** Shopping at Night (1258580)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL

6.00am Ratkan II (10409) **7.00** Mr Bogus (3336362) **7.45** Pugwall's Summer (6443782) **8.30** Widget (58411) **9.00** Jack in the Box (36850) **11.00** Stories Without Words (82817) **11.30** Say Ahhh! (83546) **12.00** Fame (97898) **1.00pm** Jack in the Box (47966) **3.00** The Adventures of Teddy Ruxpin (3348492) **3.25** RatKan II (6232966) **4.00** Stunt Dawgs (2430) **4.30-5.00** Betty's Bunch (9614)

NICKELODEON

7.00am Dawn Patrol (23427) **7.30** Guts (19072) **8.00** Kid's Court (15782) **8.30** Wild Side Show (14053) **9.00** We All Have Tales (38633) **9.30** Fraggle Rock (65275) **10.00** Janosch's Dream (76879) **10.30** The World of David the Gnome (34817) **11.00** Sharon, Lois and Bram's Elephant Show (40817) **11.30** Eureeka's Castle (99701) **12.30pm** We All Have Tales (69091) **1.00** The World of David the Gnome (73968) **1.30** Wisdom of the Gnomes (68362) **2.00** Janosch's Dream (3898) **2.30** Special Delivery (8409) **3.00** Kaboodle (5633) **3.30** Out of Control (5324) **4.00** Fraggle Rock (4459) **4.30** Hey Dude (3343) **5.00** Clarissa Explains It All (7850) **5.30** Welcome Freshmen (4695) **6.00** Guts (1508) **6.30-7.00** Get the Picture (5188)

DISCOVERY

Gentle Giant (6359140) **5.00** Those Who Dare (8779701) **5.30** Skybound (6340492) **6.00** Beyond 2000 (5606017) **6.50** Extra Dimensions (8947695) **7.00** Get Wet (8786237) **7.30** The Extremists (6367169) **8.00** Discovery Wildside (7310508) **9.00** Terra X Thailand (3795701) **9.30** Pacifica Tales from the South Seas (5500324) **10.00** Search for Adventure (7333459) **11.00-12.00** Nature by Profession (3441898)

BRAVO

12.00 Film: A Hill In Korea (1956, b/w): Michael Caine's film debut (44855121) **1.15pm** Film: The End of the Affair (1954, b/w). Deborah Kerr has an affair with Van Johnson in wartime London (90482546) **3.00** Bonanza (3781508) **4.00** The Flying Nun (6357782) **4.30** My Three Sons (6353966) **5.00** The Beverly Hillbillies (8773527) **5.30** Honey West (6377546) **6.00** I Spy (5525633) **7.00** Cannon (7321614) **8.00** Film: I am a Fugitive from a Chain Gang (1932, b/w). Starring Paul Muni (46260817) **9.35** Art Linkletter and the Kids (5985527) **9.50** Robert Benchley (1741650) **10.00** Film: Curse of the Crimson Altar (1968): Witchcraft in a country house. With Boris Karloff and Christopher Lee (7182633) **11.30-12.00** The Twilight Zone (2728968)

UK LIVING

7.00am Jayne and Friends (2055904) **8.00** Fame, Fortune and Romance (8181091) **8.30** Living Daylights (8160362) **9.00** Divorce Court (8151614) **9.30** Hot Topics (5690966) **10.00** Health UK (3903053) **10.30** Living Extra (8157898) **11.00** On the House (1910879) **11.30** Delia Smith's Cookery Course 1 (1911508) **12.00** Practical Living (35187188) **12.15pm** Kilroy (7105695) **1.00** Crosswits (6790072) **1.30** Infatuation (5693053) **2.00** Days of Our Lives (3904782) **3.00** Agony Hour (1915324) **4.00** Crosswits (7571633) **4.30** Infatuation (7577817) **5.00** Jayne and Friends (9514053) **6.00** What's Up, Dr Ruth (7558782) **6.30** Masterchef (7572362) **7.00** Agony Hour (3369452) **8.00** The Young and the Restless (3368140) **9.00** Film: The Abduction of Kari Swenson (1987). Fact-based drama about the kidnapping of the Olympic athlete. With Tracy Pollan (42405940) **11.20** Fame, Fortune and Romance (8862985) **11.30** The All New Dr Ruth Show (3909237) **12.00-1.00am** Days of Our Lives (2002812)

FAMILY CHANNEL

5.00pm Danger Bay (6140) **5.30** The Wonder Years (9965) **6.00** Big Brother Jake (6879) **6.30** Catchphrase (4689) **7.00** Trivial Pursuit (6904) **7.30** All Clued Up (9343) **8.00** Remington Steele (91053) **9.00** Neon Rider (11817) **10.00** WKRP in Cincinnati (60256) **10.30** The Mary Tyler Moore Show (79904) **11.00** The Bob Newhart Show (74898) **11.30** Newhart (55985) **12.00-1.00am** Lou Grant (17980)

MTV

7.00am Awake on the Wild Side (477189) **10.00** VJ Marijne (190527) **1.00pm** Greatest Hits (37184) **2.00** VJ Simone (347188) **4.30** Coca-Cola Report (6869169) **4.45** At the Movies (8857324) **5.00** News (8781633) **5.15** 3 from 1 (5825053) **5.30** The Grind (1324) **6.00** Hit List UK (92782) **8.00** 10,000 Maniacs Unplugged (93411) **9.00** Music Non-Stop (13275) **10.00** Greatest Hits (16362) **11.00** Coca-Cola Report (647508) **11.15** At the Movies (660459) **11.30** News at Night (917904) **11.45** 3 from 1 (912459) **12.00** Rock Block (15522) **2.00am** VJ Marijne (28967) **3.00-7.00** Night Videos (6763744)

TV ASIA

6.00am Asian Morning (52982) **6.30** Punjabi News (7574140) **6.45** Gujarati News (3965701) **7.00** Bengali News (82527) **7.30** Hindi News (84362) **8.00** Urdu News (53966) **8.30** English News (90817) **9.30** Hisaar (57459) **10.30** Lifestyle (24633) **11.30** Telly Talk with Shenaz Renders (70072) **12.00** Hindi, Urdu and English News (56053) **12.30pm** Mustatan (87607) **1.00** Pakistani Film (192940) **4.00** Kiddie Time (60695) **5.00-6.00** TVA Dedicated to You (2701) **7.00** Showtime (66343) **8.00** English News (849140) **8.15** Face to Face with Ramola Bachchan (352256) **9.00** Hindi Film: Shahenshah (572072) (2780763) **12.05am** Five Past Midnight (4401522) **1.00** Hindi Film: Aaj (2925676) **4.00** Ajanabee (61387) **5.00** Sauda (82270) **5.30** Music (80251)

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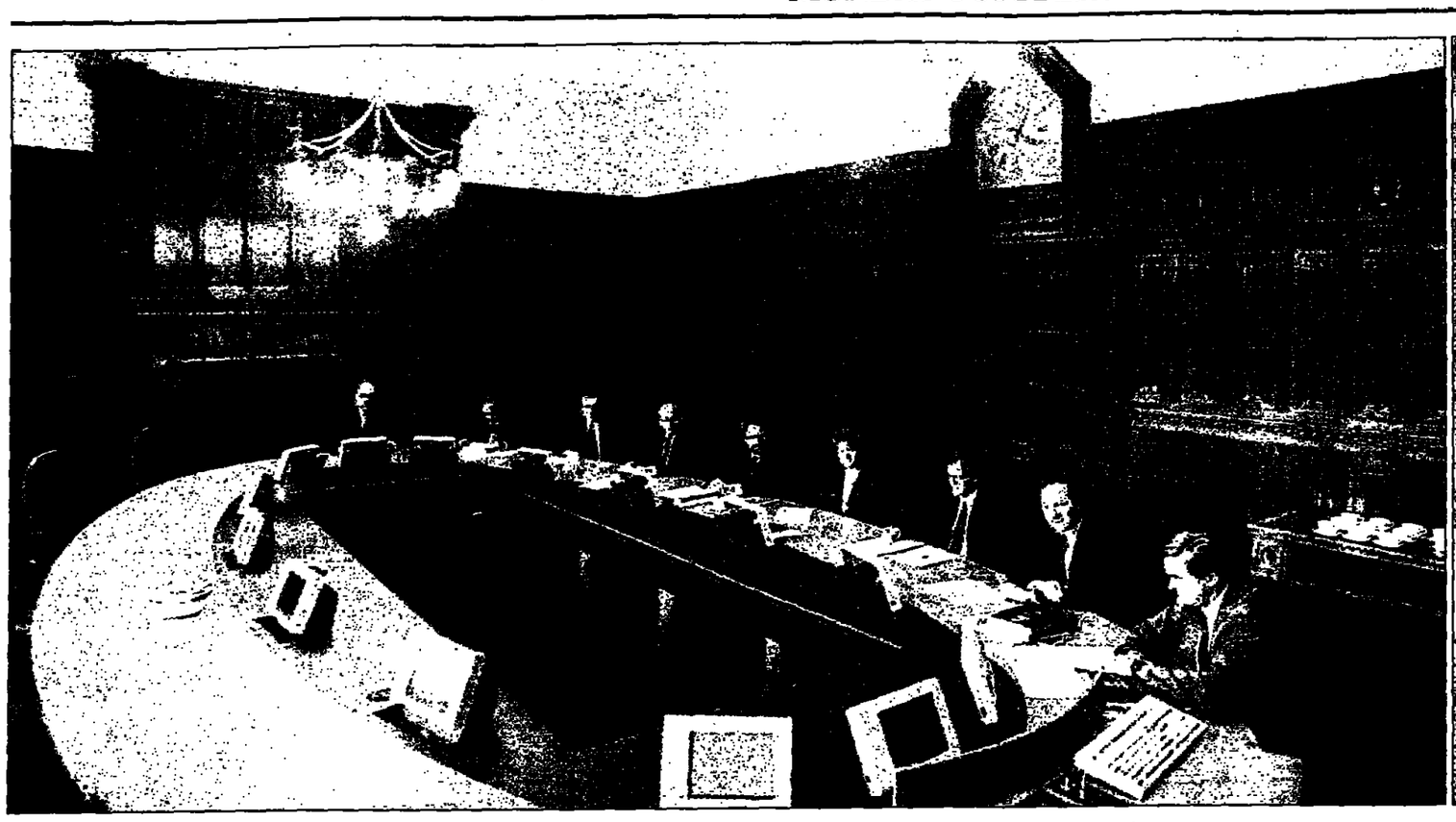
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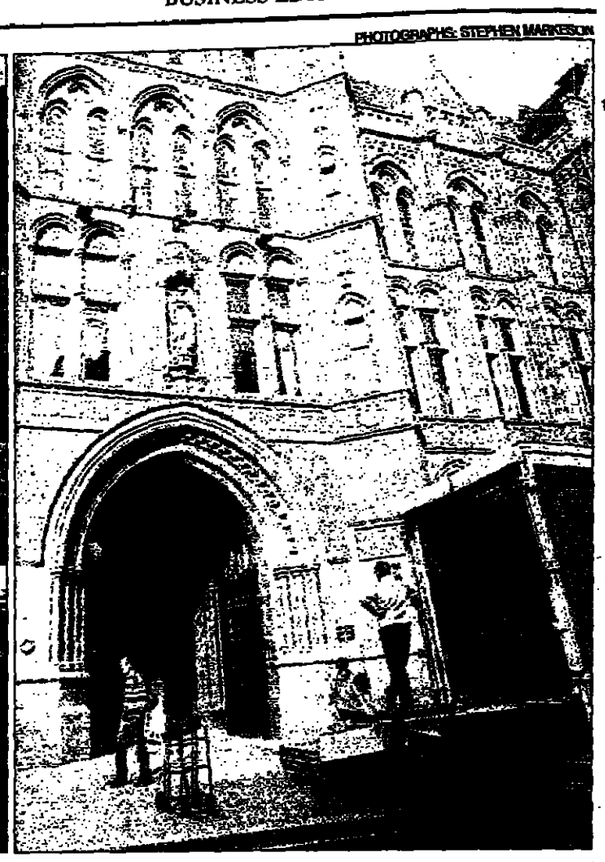
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THE HEAD OF FORD IS A MAN WITHOUT A CAR

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The Man from the Pru has reoccupied his Holborn Bars offices, which have had five years' refurbishment. The offices, finished in 1879, are now a blend of Victorian gothic and advanced office equipment

Alliance & Leicester to launch new bank

BY PATRICIA TEHAN, BANKING CORRESPONDENT

ALLIANCE & Leicester, Britain's fourth-biggest building society, is to set up a new bank, based on its Girobank customers. The society plans to move the 1.5 million Girobank current account customers into the new bank, to extend Girobank's telephone banking service and to launch a series of new accounts. It hopes to poach customers from other clearing banks.

Approval for the change, planned for next spring, will be needed from the Bank of England and the Building Societies Commission. The new bank is, as yet, unnamed, but Alliance & Leicester is thought likely to want "Alliance" to be part of the name.

The plans should dispel rumours that Alliance & Leicester is being targeted for takeover by Lloyds Bank, which is known to have been on the lookout for an acquisition or merger since its hostile bid for Midland Bank failed last year. Alliance & Leicester itself is believed to be keen to take over a smaller building society, to increase its presence in the north of England.

It acquired Girobank in 1990 as part of the government's privatisation programme. The two entities have personal customers in common but are legally separate. If Girobank customers want mortgages, these are offered by Alliance & Leicester; similarly, Alliance & Leicester does not offer current accounts.

Girobank's customers are able to use the Telecare telephone banking service, which is open 12½ hours a day during the week and from 8am to 2pm on Saturdays; it handles more than 100,000 telephone enquiries a week. After Christmas, ahead of the new bank's launch, there will be a 24-hour service.

The extended telephone service will compete more effectively with Midland's First Direct and will supplement a postal banking service. Girobank's personal customers' current accounts are supported by the Link automatic teller machine network and cash transactions can be conducted over Post Office counters. When the new bank is launched, customers will also be able to use Alliance & Leicester branches.

Alliance & Leicester has decided the Girobank name will continue to be used for the wholesale money clearing service, which is used by retailers to deposit their daily takings. In its 1992 annual report, Girobank said the service was used by 70 per cent of top retailers. It charges fees for processing cash, cheques and credit card vouchers and then sells the cash to the Post Office and to high street banks.

Alliance & Leicester has yet to decide whether to integrate its treasury operation with Girobank's. At present, they must be run separately. The society will also consider whether to rebuild its corporate loan book, which has been run down since the takeover because, under building society rules, loans can be made only against security.

MGN pensioners claim £200m



Maxwell: looted fund

BY OUR DEPUTY CITY EDITOR

LAWYERS acting for the Mirror Group Newspapers pension fund have set out the claim by pensioners against three City firms that acted for MGN during the looting of the fund by Robert Maxwell.

In the High Court's Chancery Division last week, Travers Smith Braithwaite, the fund's solicitors, lodged £200 million claims against Invesco, the fund manager, and the brokers Capel-Cure Myers and Lehman Brothers. But the claims are not cumulative, contrary to weekend reports that the amount sought had been trebled to £600 million. The pensioners had initially asked for £90 million from Capel-Cure and Lehman; the claim on Invesco has not been quantified.

Although a £200 million claim had been expected, the amount Invesco could be liable for, if it loses, might unsettle the company's share price this week and force an announcement through the Stock Exchange.

Rumours force Ladbroke answers

BY MARTIN WALLER
DEPUTY CITY EDITOR

SHARES in Ladbroke Group, the hotels and bookmaking combine, will come under additional pressure today as the group is forced to produce a statement about further allegations in the weekend press about its debts.

Ladbroke last month succeeded in obtaining an injunction against the *Mail on Sunday* preventing the publication of what the company described as "certain scurrilous rumours" in the City about its relationship with its bankers and the circumstances surrounding the decision by Cyril Stein, the chairman, to retire later this year.

However, further disclosures this weekend have not been formally denied by Ladbroke, although they were described as "misleading and misconceived". The rumours suggest that, contrary to earlier assurances from the group, a loan from one of the banks, the Dutch ABN-AMRO, is secured on about £100 million of assets.

Ladbroke has always claimed that almost none of its £1.3 billion of debt was secured on specific assets. A spokesman from the company said last night: "A statement correcting the misleading and misconceived article ... will be issued to the Stock Exchange at 7.30 tomorrow morning." Until then, he would give no further details.

It is thought the ABN-AMRO secured debt has the purpose of minimising tax payable by Ladbroke and was taken out in the summer. Previous statements that little of the group's debt was secured referred to the position at the end of the 1992 financial year, it is being suggested.

The rumours and the injunction have already put Ladbroke shares under pressure. They ended last week at 178p, against a high of 222½p earlier this year.

Blow to Boots in Sainsbury project

BY SUSAN GILCHRIST

BOOTS, the retail to drugs group, has had applications for pharmaceutical licences in two of its seven pilot in-store chemists in Sainsbury's supermarkets turned down. This could put the in-store venture in jeopardy, according to some industry experts.

The Sevenoaks and Poole outlets, which opened in July under a trial programme, have been refused licences by the Family Health Service Association, the body responsible for screening applications. Boots has been given a licence for its Hemel Hempstead store, and has yet to make applications for the remaining four outlets.

A company spokesman said: "We would always like to be able to provide a prescription service, but this does not mean the pilot stores will not work, nor will it deter us from opening other outlets."

Although Boots cannot service NHS prescriptions without a licence, it can still sell over-the-counter drugs. However, the licence rejections have caused concern to some analysts, who fear that it may have an impact on profitability of the in-store pharmacies.

One retail analyst said: "The pharmaceutical licence is a crucial part of the mix. If that is not there, then you are left with a lot of product overlap. It does rather take the gloss off the scheme."

Richard Hyman, of Verdict, the retail consultancy, said: "I think it is a blow. Being able to dispense prescriptions draws a large number of people into the store. There is a big convenience factor and it establishes real authority."

The squeeze on the number of licences comes on top of recent changes in the way chemists are paid to dispense NHS prescriptions, which Verdict believes will wipe £50 million of profits from the industry. The health department wants to rein back NHS receipt income, which increased by 11.5 per cent to £3.7 billion last year.

Executive pay 'hides true value'

BY PHILIP BASSETT
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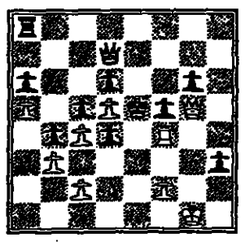
COMPANY directors' total pay packages can be worth more than 200 per cent of the sum declared in their firms' annual reports, a survey suggests today.

It believes the way companies meet their legal requirement to declare directors' salaries in their annual reports can be both inaccurate and misleading. Bacon and Woodrow, the actuary and consultant, suggests that executives' total pay package, including bonuses, pension promises and the use of company cars and accommodation, can often exceed 200 per cent of declared salary, though the average full package is about 170 per cent.

Looking at a sample of 1,434 directors in 222 UK companies, the survey says that the average basic salary for chief executives in July was £158,000, suggesting that the chief executives' total package could be as high as £316,000.

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene



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WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

TRUCKLING
a. Long distance driving
b. An inferior
c. Type of small bed

DEBILE
a. To clear one's throat
b. Weak
c. A disgusting foot condition

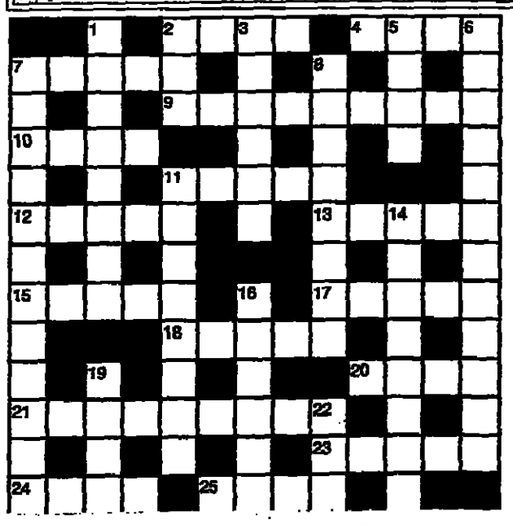
DIMBER
a. Supple and limber
b. Pretty
c. A wiseacre or fool

DANDY-ROLLER
a. A trouser press
b. An expensive car
c. A paper press

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ACROSS
2 Spacious (4)
4 Last Persian ruler (4)
7 Over length of (5)
9 Listen in secretly (9)
10 Route (4)
11 Rush (5)
12 Not appropriate (5)
13 Temporarily arrange (3,2)
15 Bisect (5)
17 Control mechanism (5)
18 Broad, deep (5)
20 Not rich (4)
21 Resilience (9)
23 Friendly (5)
24 Otherwise (4)
25 Lots (4)

DOWN
1 Underhand baseball (8)
2 Period (3)
3 Go Back (6)
5 Difficult (4)
6 Cheer of joy (3,3,6)
7 Roman arena (12)
8 Printing star (8)
11 Elastic (8)
14 Roof gutter figure (8)
16 Picture house (6)
19 Agitation (4)
22 Secret agent (3)

SOLUTIONS TO NO 3221

ACROSS: 1 Follicle 5 Thud 9 Upright 10 Eases 11 Face 12 Not fair 14 Choosy 16 Frieze 19 Nodules 21 Sage 24 Panic 25 Ill will 26 Sulk 27 Indebted

DOWN: 1 Foul 2 Larva 3 Ingress 4 Latent 6 Hostage 7 Deserted 8 Feat 13 Schnapps 15 Ordinal 17 Resolve 18 Assign 20 Luck 22 Glint 23 Clad

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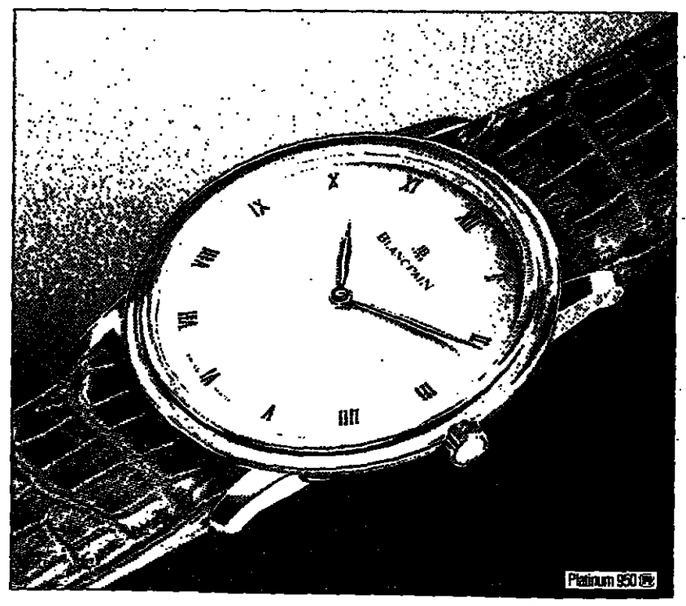
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US dollar
1.5352 (+0.0292)
German mark
2.4612 (+0.0127)
Exchange index
80.9 (+0.7)
Bank of England official close (4pm)

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 share
2359.1 (+46.5)
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New York Dow Jones
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